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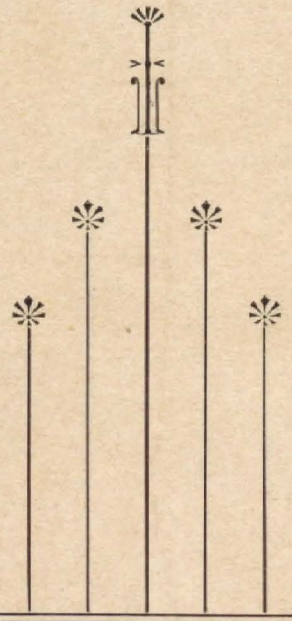

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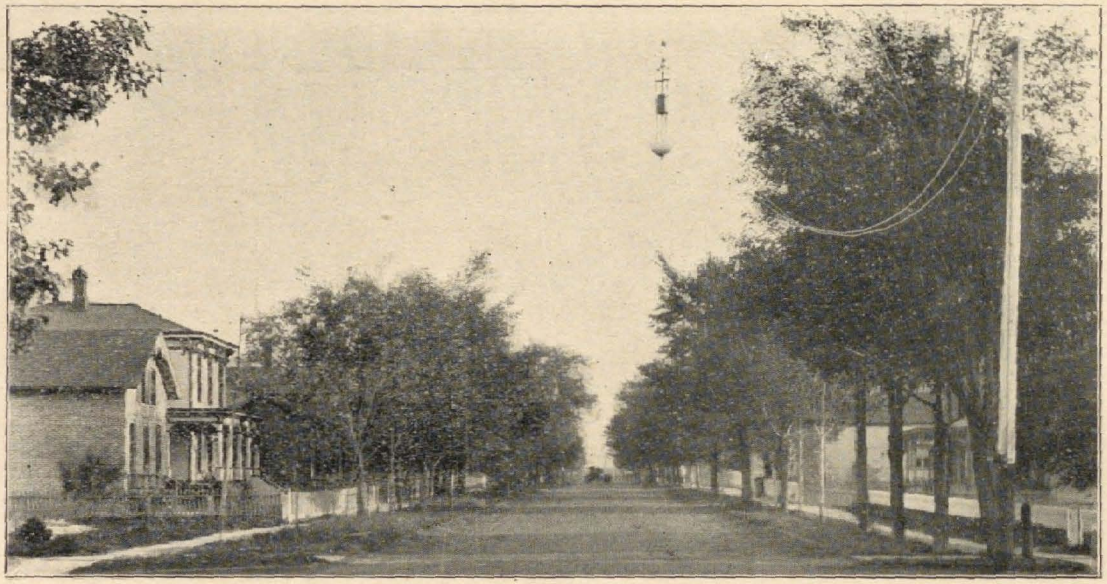
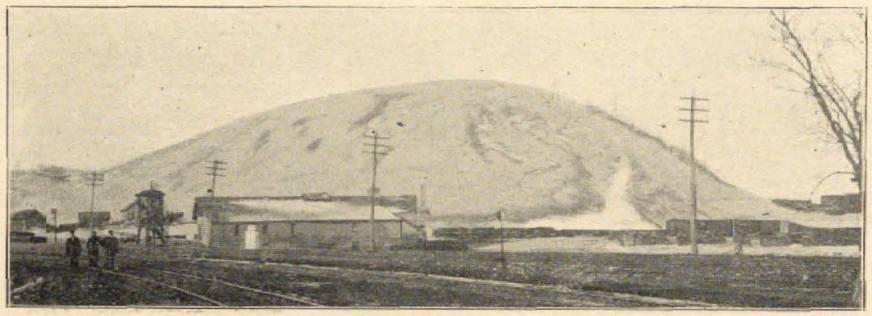


PINE STREET SOUTH FROM SIXTH.

Michigan City.

WITH the dawning of a new century—and one that promises to be the greatest and grandest of all civilization—Michigan City stands boldly and proudly forth as one of the most promising and progressive cities of Hosierdom, and the story of her advance, her industries and her resources presents a subject of vivid interest to all



HOOSIER SLIDE.

to whom the activities and gains of business are a necessity, or have a charm.

No branch of study is more productive of profit to the thoughtful than that presented by the investigation of the history of this age, and this country; and particularly, is this true, in that remarkable succession of events and circumstances through the medium of which great states have been evolved from the trackless wilderness, which, scarcely more than a century ago, occupied nearly all that territory west of the Ohio river.

In such connection, it might aptly be added, that the now fair and rapidly growing Michigan City owes so much of its historical associations, that, in reviewing briefly, but comprehensively, the records of the past times, as they relate to the city, the mind naturally reverts to the Indian, and, to him, therefore, must be conceded the honor of being the percursor of the destinies of the particular spot upon which our enterprising city now stands.

Thus, in following the early settlement, its growth, and its commercial, social, political and industrial development, it will be necessary to give such facts as have been handed down to us, traditionally and historically, of the race formerly associated with the ownership and occupation of this rich inheritance—a people, now nearly extinct, but whose fading glory ushered in a new era of civilization and enterprise, never paralleled in the history of any race.

From those early days to the present, a long stretch of gradually increasing civilization intervenes, and it is one of the objects of this publication to place in a concise form the many changes that have taken place since the Red Man—in the twilight of his intelligence—was "monarch of all he surveyed," and further, to afford a short, but readable narrative of the city.

Michigan City is historical! Its vicinage has been the scene of many sanguinary struggles; tomahawk, scalping

knife and war club have menaced it, and the white man slept on his gun. This territory, once a vast wild, is now the scene of intelligent civilization, teeming with people, mills, factories, schools, churches and all that denotes enterprise, culture and prosperity.

THE FIRST SETTLERS.

The Miami Confederation of Indian tribes are supposed to have been the early proprietors of the site of Michigan City. The first white settler, and the man who laid out the settlement, was Major Isaac Elston, who came here in 1832 and constructed a primitive cabin.

WASHINGTON STREET SOUTH FROM SIXTH.

Nearly 200 years previous—it appears from the French chronicles—French trappers and fur traders were familiar with this locality, and here, at the head of the lake, bartered with the Indians. From fragmentary allusions in the same records, Nicholas Perrot, an intrepid Frenchman in the employ of a French trading company at Montreal, visited the present site of Michigan City in 1673, for he wrote: "at the head of the great lake are mountains of white sand."

Father Claude Allouez followed him and tells of visits to the Indians at the "Sand Hills." The stories of these early explorers and missionaries read more like romances told by ingenious fabricators of adventure, than of sober facts; and there is no page in American history more entrancing and fascinating than those relating to the explorations about Lake Michigan—of which Michigan City is the logical gateway to the South.

There was nothing about the site of the present city, as Major Elston saw it, to hint of future great importance—a sluggish estuary, early named Trail Creek, creeping tortuously through marshes and sand to the lake, and back of it dense forests, great sand piles and an almost

trackless waste. Major Elston was accompanied by several hardy frontiersmen, all skilled in woodcraft, who had come to carve for themselves homes in the forest, and they were soon followed by others. That they builded wisely, and better than they knew, succeeding pages will show.

Up to the time of the civil war, Michigan City was little else than a country village, but from the close of the internecine struggle, its march of progress has been conspicuous and gratifying.

Men of wealth, push and enterprise were not slow to see the advantage that must accrue to the city, and have come here investing their brains and capital in all manner of enterprises.

In the utilization of the resources which nature has so profligately bestowed and science unveiled, there is no reason to believe that Michigan City will not go ahead and keep fully abreast of the best in American progress.

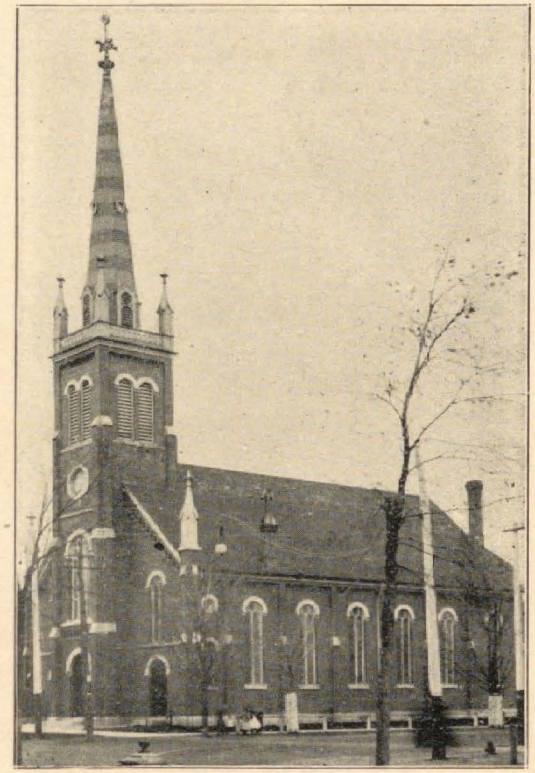
It has no lack of men with business sagacity, equal to the improvement of every opportunity, and it is safe to predict that the future historian will be proud to point back to those of to-day as the auspicious beginnings of a greater and brighter destiny.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION.

Considered both from a geographical and topographical standpoint, Michigan City has advantages that are manifold in importance, as well as attractive to the admirers and lovers of beauty.

Situated, as it is, many feet above tide water, at the head of one of the greatest fresh water lakes, which sets like an opalescent gem in a mounting of white sand hills and green trees, Michigan City is highly favored. As a health resort its fame is widespread. Its climate is delightfully temperate, and the cool winds from the lake drive away disease, malaria and the hordes of insect pests that are generally found at coast resorts.

The importance of its location to the man of business and the manufacturer seeking a base for industrial operations, presents opportunities immeasurably superior to those of many other interior cities.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The transportation facilities, both by rail and water, are unexcelled and through its gates pass the products of the mills and factories of the east, as well as the enormous yields of the prairies and orchards of the great west.

But fifty miles from Chicago, located in the very heart of the best agricultural valley in the world,

and within a day's ride of all the great cities and markets of the east, south and west, this city must naturally experience a most rapid development within the next few decades.

It is unrestricted to the enlargement and extension of its

TRINITY CATHEDRAL.

area, by natural obstacles, as are many other cities, and there is abundant room for manufacturing plants, with riparian and trackage rights, and the gradual extension of a great metropolis. With an unrivalled harbor it has every requirement of shipping.

The city is perfectly laid out, its principal business and residence streets running North and South. They are broad, numbered on the decimal plan, finely paved, neatly kept, and lined with beautiful shade trees and green lawns.

The city is abundantly lighted with electric arc lamps and gas; has a water supply from the lake that is uncontaminated and ample for the needs of a city twice its size; has the best public and parochial schools, public library, parks and churches of many denominations.

TRANSPORTATION.

One of the first things to be considered by the prospective manufacturer, or the company contemplating moving its plant to less narrow fields, besides the cheapness of fuel, the abundance and cheapness of water, is the facilities for transportation.

It is one of the peculiar perogatives of Michigan City to possess more desirable geographical advantages than almost any other city in the state. She is well equipped with railroad service, one of the greatest trunk line systems of the country passing through the city, and making it the termini of its middle and western divisions.

The Michigan Central—one of the great Vanderbilt system—affords unparalleled service east and west, through its connections, which make it the favored steam highway to Detroit, Toledo, Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Troy, New York and all New England cities and Atlantic coast resorts. To the land of the setting sun it delivers freight and passengers to all lines out of Chicago, running as a related connection of the great Chicago &

Northwestern system, touching every important point to the Pacific slope.

The Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, popularly known as the Monon system, makes this city a terminal, and handles passengers and freight to every point in the south and southwest, giving a perfect service in all departments.

The Lake Erie & Western also makes Michigan City a terminal, and traverses the south and southeast, making directly accessible Toledo, Indianapolis, Lima, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Sandusky, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, New York, Richmond and all intermediate points.

LOOKING WEST FROM CLOCK TOWER.

By these magnificent agencies, it will be seen, that Michigan City is a competitive point, and that her present facilities, by rail, are the legitimate outcome of necessity, and that her future growth will bring to her gates other great competing lines as the demand of her industries require. Her central position in the mid-west gives an economy of time and rates in the transit of goods, as her products need travel but half diameters to be distributed over the country. All quarters of that diameter her railways and their connections bisect.

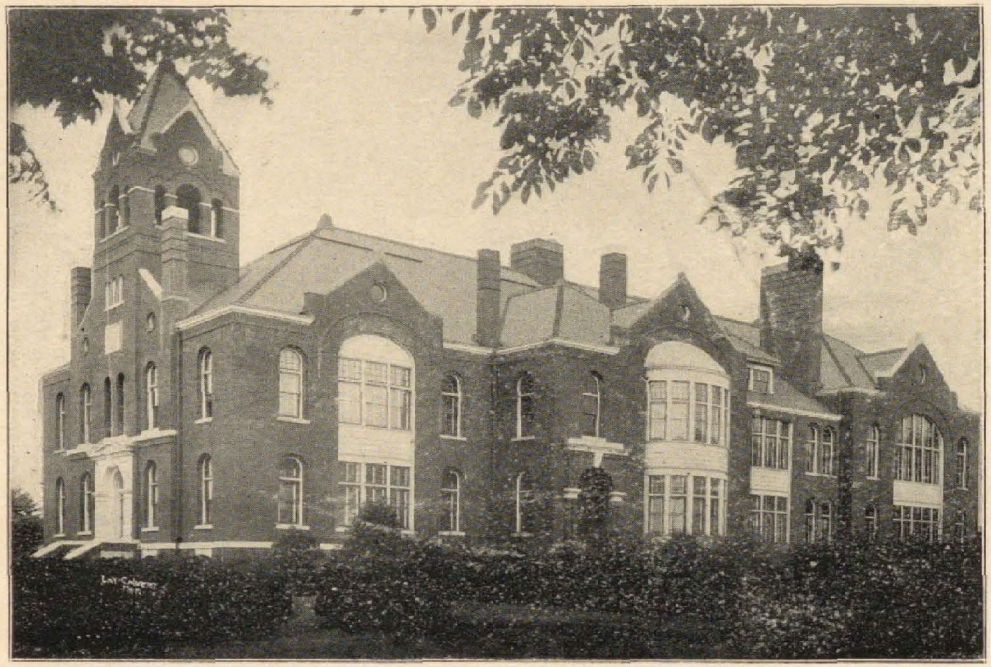
Capricious nature designated this city as a natural Port of Entry, and man, with his engineering skill, has partially supplied what nature omitted.

Nowhere on the great lakes is there a better harbor for safety and convenience. Situated at the extreme southerly point of the great waterway, our harbor offers facilities for receiving and dispatching that have been recognized by the most expert government engineers, and it must soon be one of greatest importance to shippers.

In 1836 Trail Creek, a little winding country stream, poured its waters into the lake at the foot of what is now Franklin street. Today, Trail Creek is the Inner Harbor upon which the government has expended more than a half million dollars in dredging, revetments and piers, ex-

tending it to the deep waters of the lake, with a mean depth of thirteen feet and a length of nearly two miles. This affords unequaled facilities for lightering vessels, the property adjoining being specially adapted for ore, lumber, coal and general merchandise docks, and for the location of great grain elevators.

The Outer Harbor is now under improvement, an appropriation of $100,000 being available for such use. The improvements began in 1870 and have cost nearly one million dollars. The Outer Harbor is enclosed by a breakwater nearly 2,000 feet in length. The basin is sheltered on the east by a pile pier 1,225 feet long; on the north by a crib breakwater that extends east to the pile pier. The harbor gives safe refuge against sea and wind to vessels drawing eighteen to twenty feet of water.



CENTRAL SCHOOL.

OUR MANUFACTURES.

One of the proudest records in the pages of our history is that attained by us as an industrial and manufacturing center.

The proximity to Nature's storehouses of coal, timber oil and iron, is sufficient to give prominence to the more staple industries. While having at command such varied and valuable products of the mine, the forest and the farm, and possessing the very best facilities for the economical distribution of goods, nothing is lacking to make this city an ideal one for the location of great industrial plants.

Michigan City has established a permanent reputation for sound business methods and the substantial basis upon which her commercial and financial fabric rests. It is destined one day to become a great manufacturing city, and our tribute to other mill centers must soon cease.

We have the capital, the facilities, the men, and the brains and skill necessary to manufacture goods of the most varied description. In the great enterprise of the

Haskell & Barker Car Company, the seeker after economic facts, and the gleaner in the fields of industrial science, will find abundant material for the exploitation of American brains and American genius. This company is one of the largest manufacturers in the country of freight, stock, flat, grain, coal, refrigerator, merchandise and other cars. Its plant covers many acres and no description of the great buildings can do adequate justice. The works employ nearly 2,000 persons and taking altogether, the magnitude of the plant; the extent of its product, the great army of well-paid employes and the immense capital invested, and it is well nigh impossible to overestimate the vast value of the establishment in its influence upon the progress and advancement of the city. The operation of this enormous plant requires the application of the most enlightened methods, and the possession on the part of its officers of executive and administrative abilities of the highest order.

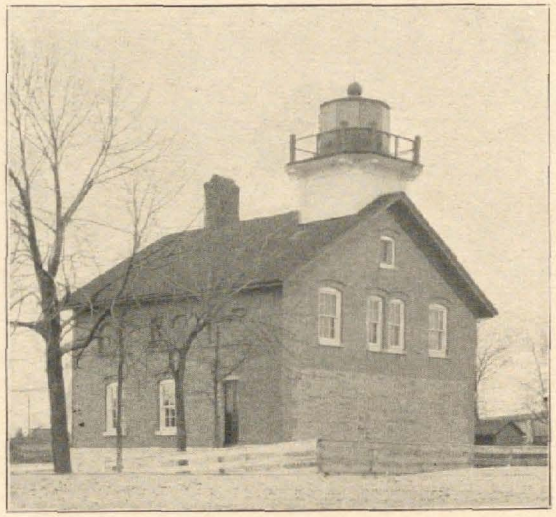
The manufacture of wood and cane seat chairs also holds a conspicuous place in the industries here, and gives employment to several hundred persons.

In the list of representative and reputable enterprises here may be cited those of the Lakeside Knitting Company, manufacturers of gloves, 400 employees; the Tecumseh Facing Mills, gloves, 400 employees; the Root Manufacturing Company; Michigan City Sash and Door Company; J. H. Winterbotham & Son, coopers; Veal Bros., manufacturers of reed and rattan chairs; Schroeder & Pike, chairs; the Michigan City Reed Chair Company; A. Booth Packing company, besides shirt factories, hosiery factories, flouring mills, brick works, cigar factories, machine shops, carriage factories, broom factories, upholstering works and other large interests, all of which have been paramount in making the city the important one it is in the industrial world.

GENERAL TRADE.

Not only is Michigan City a great manufacturing center, but as well a market for the purchase of every requirement of business, for its industries and for the home.

In other words our retail stores are conspicuous in number and excellence. A walk along Franklin street indicates that our merchants are fully alive to the wants of the city and its people, and to the importance of an



U. S. LIGHTHOUSE.

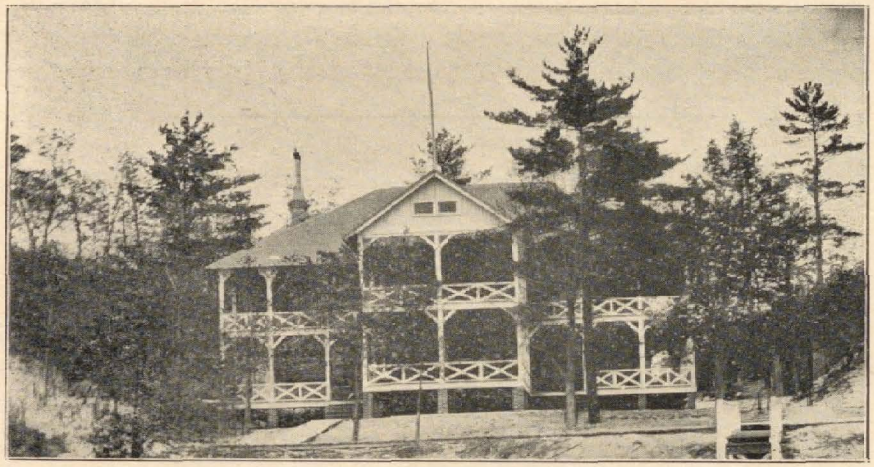
attractive and even asthetic window display of merchandise.

In enterprise our merchants compare favorably with

those of the larger cities. The secret of their succees lies in their study of the wants of the people, and the fulfillment of orders promptly and satisfactorily.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

Among the most important of the individual interests, here is the lumber trade. Millions of feet of fine lumber from the mills of Michigan and Wisconsin, are received



THE HERMITAGE.

here annually by lumber boats plying to this port, and distributed by the large dealers here.

Conspicuous among the great lumber concerns here is that of A. R. Colborn & Co., the Henry Lumber Co., the Michigan City Lumber & Coal Co., Greer-Wilkinson Lumber Co., Maxwell Lumber Co., and the Gilbert Lumber Co., all widely known to dealers in all parts of the country, who find this an excellent market.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Our city stands out strong in all matters pertaining to modern finance and banking. Our financial institutions have played an important part in the progress and development of the city, and their capital and funds have always been available when the standards of values have not received fictitious augmentation.

They are a reflex of the business, municipal and individual prosperity that prevails. Nothing could more strongly emphasize the excellence of our banking system, the ability displayed in management, and the policy adopted of making safety the prime consideration.

OUR BANKS.

THE CITIZENS BANK.

Incorporated 1889. Capital, $50,000.00. Deposits, $500,000.00. Surplus, $57,500.00. Hon. William B. Hutchinson, President; Philip Zorn, First Vice-President; Michael Romel, Second Vice-President; Charles E. Arnt, Cashier. Directors—Garritt S Van Deusen, John C. Pitsch, Chris Roeske, Michael Romel, Hon. W. B. Hutchinson, Ph. Zorn, Charles E. Arnt, Otto Klopsch, H. W. Johnson.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

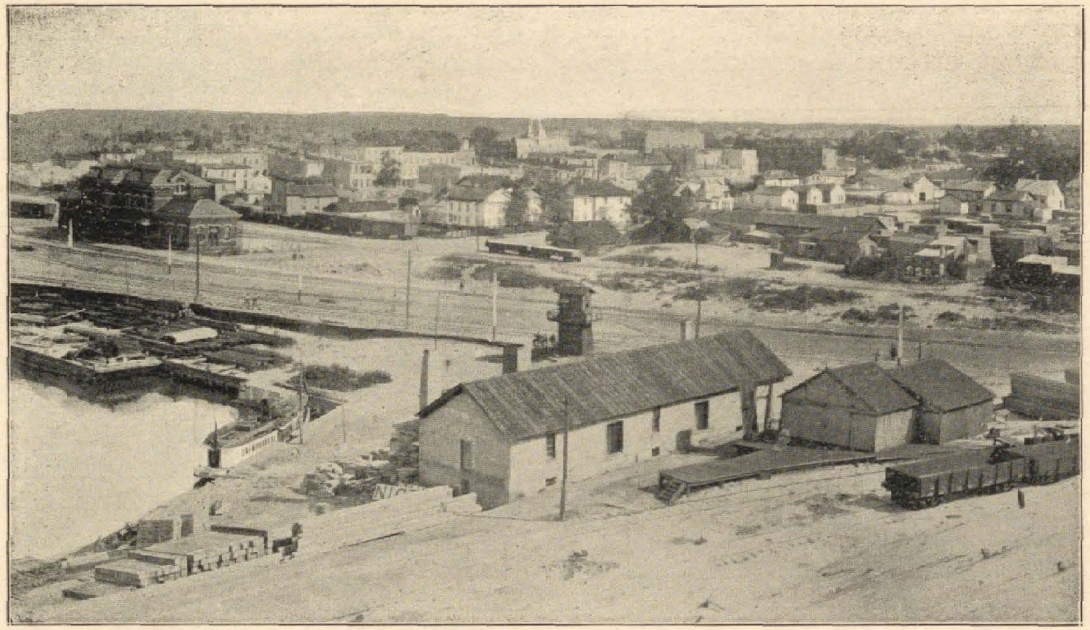
Incorporated 1881. Capital, $250,000.00. Surplus, $50,000.00. Deposits, $521,909.49. Walter Vail, President; N. P. Rogers, First Vice-President; William Blinks, Second Vice-President; J. F. Kreidler, Cashier. Directors—Walter Vail, Hon. Uriah Culbert, Jared H. Orr, Albert T. Vreeland, Fred Schaeuffele, Michael Mack, C. F. H. Carstens, Nathaniel P. Rogers, William Blinks.

MICHIGAN CITY LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

Organized 1885. Capital, $300,000.00. E. F. Behan, President; I. I. Spiro, Secretary; Fred Schaeuffele, Treasurer.

REAL ESTATE.

In many cities the rise in real estate values is not indicative of increased prosperity, but merely a somewhat greater inflation. This, however, is not the case here. Everything is on a sound basis. Most people who purchase property here do so to build, and they are therefore at once interested in the city's well-being, and take their place among our public-spirited citizens. Most desirable property can be obtained on the railway lines and river.



AN OLD VIEW FROM HOOSIER SLIDE.

RESIDENTIAL ATTRACTIONS.

If beauty of situation, benefits of unexcelled business opportunity, all that is best in the progressive movement of the age; if surroundings elevating in influence, institutions helpful in an honorable struggle with the necessities of life; if health, wealth and happiness are attractions in a place of residence, then, indeed, must Michigan City "win like a mother and command like a queen."

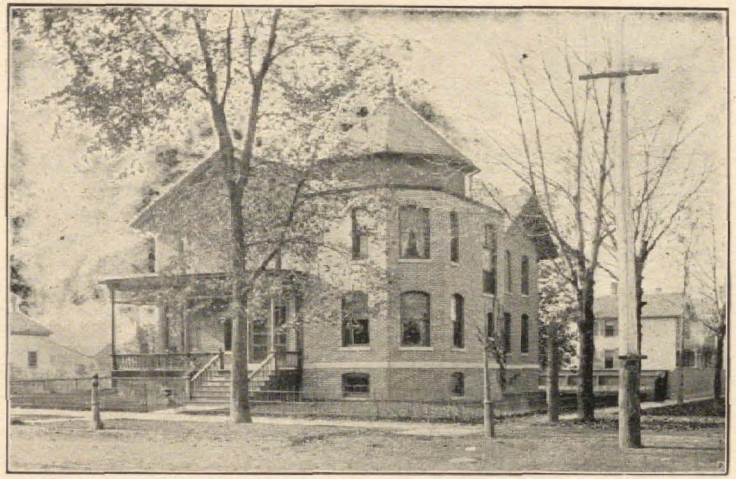
The great problem of where and how to live never agitated so many minds as now. The pressure of high civilization, the requirements of life under conditions of tense strain, the increasing impractability of rich and poor alike making both ends meet in what seem inevitable responsibilities and importunate demands—all combine to render the question a vital one. Many perplex themselves awhile and give up the conundrum.

As opposed to these insiduous perplexities, Michigan City, above all else, ranks as a city of homes. The resi-

dent here, be here workingman with hands or brain, may have his own home, made attainable by the large industries that are glad to exchange just coin for fair service; and by low rents, with room for garden and leave to own his own spot of ground, he is thus relieved from the system of tenement slavery to the common needs of life.

MUNICIPAL.

It is but natural that a city of the importance of this should have a careful and yet progressive municipal government. And this we have. The chief power is vested in the mayor, who is elected by the people. Two councilmen, one elected biennally from each ward, represent the Aldermanic board. The mayor is supreme, executive authority; the council supreme legislative authority.



RESIDENCE OF MR. WALTER VAIL.

The city government is conducted upon an economic basis, as is the city. Extravagance is tabooed. This does not imply that the city is parsimonious in its expenditures, but rather that competitive work is demanded on all improvements, and that the best is secured at the mininum of cost to the people.

There is no city of its size that has better paved streets, better sidewalks and crossings, sewers, better lighted or governed than has Michigan City. The official roster of the municipality is:

Mayor—Martin T. Krueger.
City Clerk—Edward J. Heise.
City Treasurer—Charles H. Miller.
City Attorney—Cornelius R. Collins.
City Engineer—Harry H. Miles.
Street Commissioner—Felix Retseck.

COMMON COUNCIL.

First Ward—John T. Fogarty. Robert A. Marr.
Second Ward—Frederick C. Arndt. Aug. C. Heitschmidt.
Third Ward—Fred C. Miller. Joseph Zoch.
Fourth Ward—William Heeg. Henry Schrieber.
Fifth Ward—Fred C. Krueger. George Weigel.

The various city departments are directed by men selected especially to preside over them, because of ability, and as a consequence are ably conducted.

The departments include police, fire, health, water, harbor, parks and the board of education. These departments are also in charge of governing boards.

EDUCATIONAL.

Nothing is more indicative of the intelligence of a community than its interest in popular education, and the

facilities it has provided for communicating knowledge to the masses. Measured by this standard Michigan City occupies an enviable position. There are a sufficient number of graded public and parochial schools, and a high

ELSTON SCHOOL.

school, graduation from which is a practical equivalent to a preparation for the Freshmen year in the leading universities.

The school buildings are all new and modern and built upon the latest plans. They are perfectly lighted and ventilated, and the curriculum employed, as well as the instructors show the high degree to which the city aspires.

The city schools are the High School, First Ward School, Second Ward School, Garfield School, Eastport School, Park School and Marsh School.

The Catholic schools are St. Mary's High School, St. Stanislaus' School; and St. John's Evangelical School. The St. Paul Lutheran School is also an educational feature.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Michigan City's Public Library has been in operation over two years, and is in a most flourishing condition. There are in the library 5,476 volumes, of which 4,418 are in the circulating department and 371 in the reference department. The Public Library is one of our handsomest buildings and elegantly fitted and equipped, and is open to the public every week day. The good of this magnificent library cannot be overestimated. It places within the reach of all classes the very best of current literature and is a medium of instruction and entertainment to old and young, and is, in fact, one of our city's most precious possessions.

FRATERNAL LIFE.

That our citizens enjoy a full development of the social and fraternal side of human nature, finds no better evidence than in the number of societies, lodges, lyceums, reading and debating clubs, and other social organizations to which they belong, to say nothing of the numerous

church societies and sodalities which are specially devoted to the nurture of the religious nature of mankind.

All are devoted to the uplifting and betterment of the people, and within these circles of human fellowship are the bonds of human sympathy and helpfulness strengthened and cherished.

PUBLIC PARKS.

Nothing contributes so much to the pleasure of people who dwell in cities as large and carefully kept parks. In Washington park, Michigan City has reason to be proud.

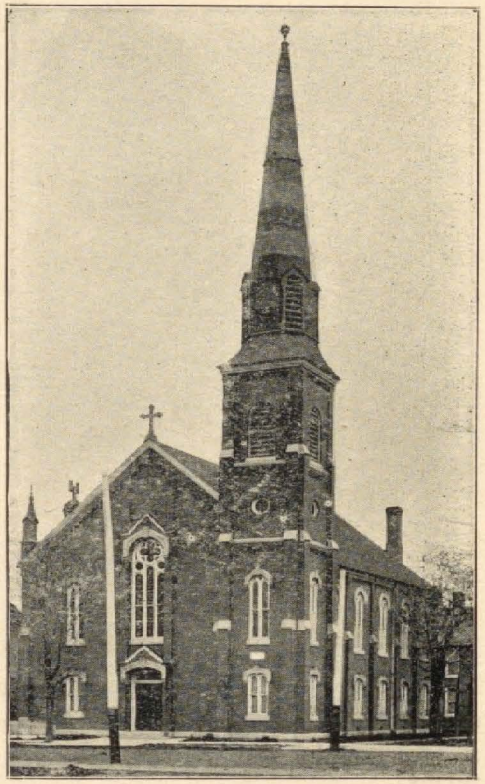
Situated upon the lake shore, under spreading trees, upon the white sand, thousands of men, women and children drink in renewed health and inspiration during the summer months.

To Hon. John H. Barker, a true philanthropist, our city owes most for this beautiful breathing spot. It was he who erected the artistic peristyle and music stand, and for all time will the park remain a monument to his liberality and public spirited enterprise. The soldiers' monument is the gift of Hon. John H. Winterbotham, whose unostentatious gifts, not only to our city, but to many of our residents, has endeared his memory to all. The beautiful work of art which he so generously donated to the memory of the brave, is also a monument to his civic pride.

Here, breathing the fragrance of thousands of perfumed blossoms, lulled to mental rest by the music of the band or the symphonic splash of the waters upon the silvery sands, tired nature takes on a new existence, and physical health is improved, not more than moral tone is strengthened. Public concerts are given at the Washington Park during the season and the attendance of thousands proves their popularity.

RELIGIOUS.

All shades of religious thought find expression here. The city has many churches, some of magnificent proportions and architecture, in which eloquent Divines officiate to congregations thoroughly representative in numbers and position.



FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Among the city churches are the First Baptist, First Congregational, Trinity (Episcopal) Cathedral, St. John's Evangelical, St. Paul's Lutheran, First Methodist Episcopal, Svenske Lutheran Zion, Norwegian, First Presbyterian, St. Mary's Roman Catholic and St. Stanislaus' Polish Catholic Church.

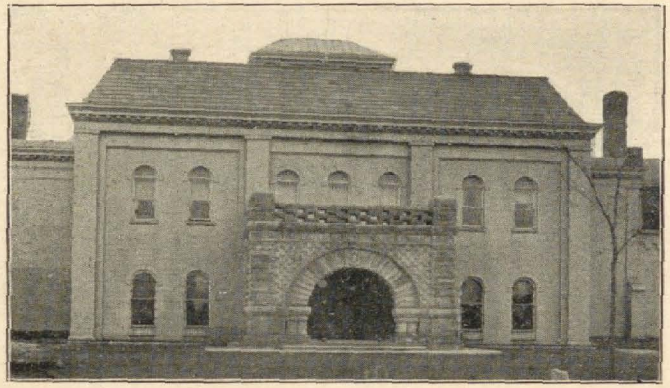
All have large congregations that are liberal in church and

charitable work and forceful in church extension. Music is a feature in service here, the choirs and quartets of several of our churches having a high reputation.

THE INDIANA STATE PRISON.

Not elsewhere in this country, and probably not in the world, is there a more carefully or ably conducted penal institution than the Indiana State Prison located in this city.

This great prison, behind whose grim walls is con-



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

fined an army of criminals, convicted of every shade and degree of crime, has a national reputation for the manner in which its affairs are administered by the warden—Hon. George A. H. Shideler, and his staff, and especially with regard to securing the safety of the men it confines, the humane methods of treatment, and punishment, when necessary, and at the same time rigid, though not oppressive discipline, which at all times and in all places is strictly insisted upon by the officers in charge of the institution.

The Indiana State Prison, under its present management, is one of reform, in the broadest sense of the term. Men who are incarcerated here have the benefit of educational and religious training. They are taught by every word and act of keeper and officer alike that they are men with feelings, though perhaps criminals. Their best instincts are appealed to in every way, and they are made to feel, so far as it is possible, that when they leave the institution, they are not branded as enemies of society; that the world is open to them to reap any success their abilities in honest work may bring them.

This is made possible, largely, under the laws of the state, all prisoners, except for murder, being sentenced under the indeterminate law. When prisoners leave on parole they are found positions at honest labor, and are required to report by letter to the prison authorities once each month for a year. If they be attentive, honest and industrious, and shun bad associates, at the end of the year, following release on parole, they are released, if not they continue to report until such time as the board sees fit to release. If they violate their parole they are returned and may be retained in prison the full time of their maximum sentence.

The law is a good one, and ere long will be adopted by all states. Under it the man who commits his first offense against society is not a branded criminal. Under it, the habitual and incorrigable criminal faces a penalty that staggers the most hardened offender.

The period of incarceration, above the minimum sentence, is determined by the Board of Prison Parole, which

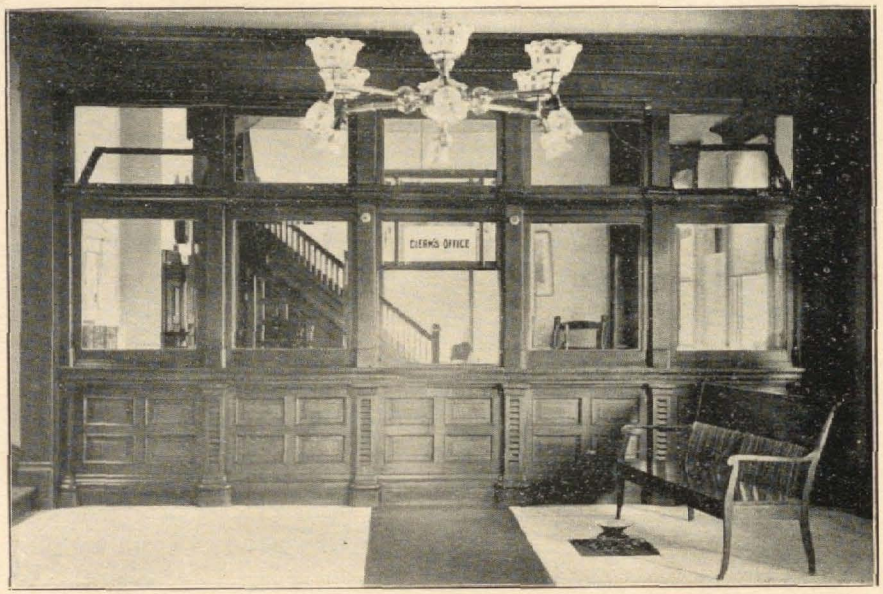
is composed of Walter Vail of Michigan City; E. H. Nebeker of Covington; Warden Shideler, Doctor Spinning and Chaplin Henderson of the prison. Once each month the board meets at the prison, when the warden lays before it the applications of prisoners eligible for consideration. The warden makes a special study of each case and advises the board as to the prisoner's conduct in the institution, their friends at home, their future prospects, their physical condition, their ability and intention, in his judgment, of leading an honorable life, and upon these suggestions and all knowledge obtainable the board acts, its power being absolute discretionary.

Warden Shideler makes a study of each of the 800 and more men in the prison. He knows each by name, the details of the crime for which he is convicted. He talks to him in his private office. He studies him, advises him and gives him the sympathy of a brother. He points out to him his errors, shows him how to overcome his weakness and by his close study often aids the prisoner to a better resolve. He is the prisoner's friend at the first or second interview, at subsequent ones he is usually his confident.

Thus Warden Shideler is enabled to offer the board pertinent suggestions, and rarely is he in error.

Politics are not a part or parcel of the institution. Keepers and officers are selected upon Warden Shideler's judgment as to their ability and fitness. He does not ask him his politics; he cares naught for his religion. He must be every inch a man. He must be kind to the prisoners, temperate in his habits. Profanity is tabooed, and the man who cannot fill these requirements is instantly removed. Such are the demands of the warden. Every prisoner can write to the warden at any time, and see him at any hour, when he is not otherwise engaged. The refusal of any keeper or officer to convey a letter of any prisoner to the warden meets with instant rebuke, and generally dismissal.

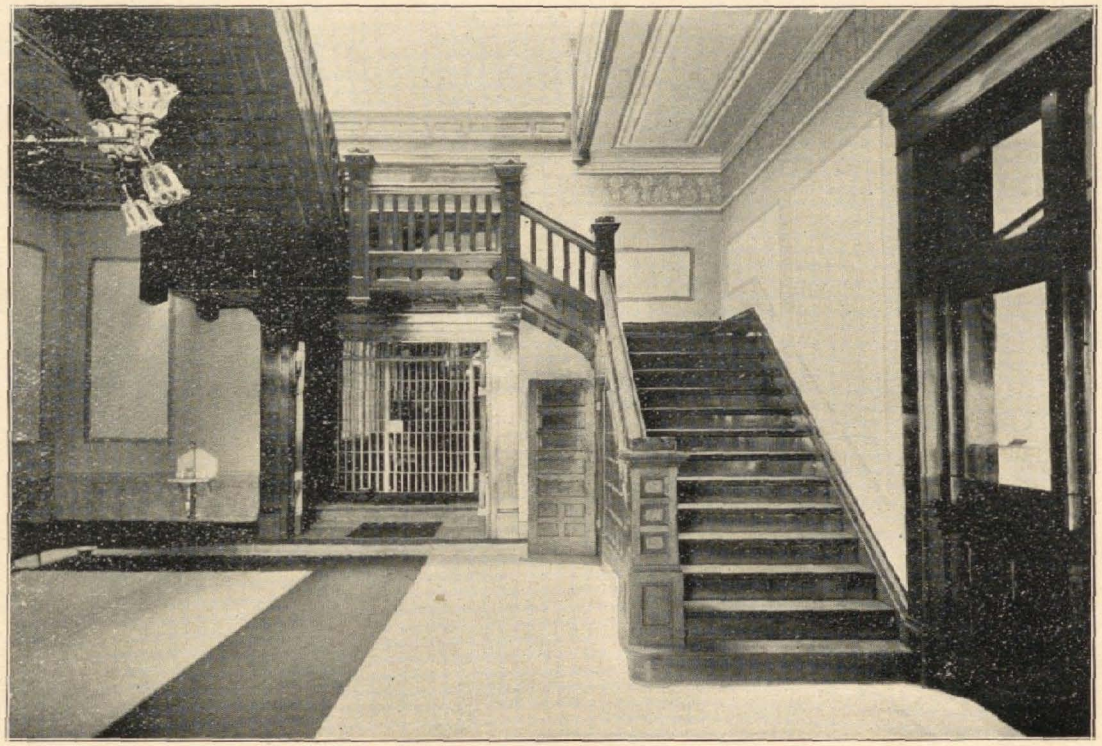
The prison is a model in everything relating to penal institutions. By the system of bookkeeping as designed



PRISON OFFICE.

by Clerk Will H. Whittaker, every department must balance to a cent each night. The bills of fare for officers and prisoners are entered up each day with their cost, and at night the warden or clerk can tell to a penny the cost of the entire institution for the day, or the week, month or

year passed. The storehouse records, hospital records and all others are thus kept. By a system of reports inaugerated by Warden Shideler he knows every morning the entire prison routine. The hospital records of entrances and discharges, illness of each prisoner, the men at work in each department, the amount and class of work done, the condition of shops and cellhouses, the goods bought and used, in fact every officer of the institution gives a detailed report.



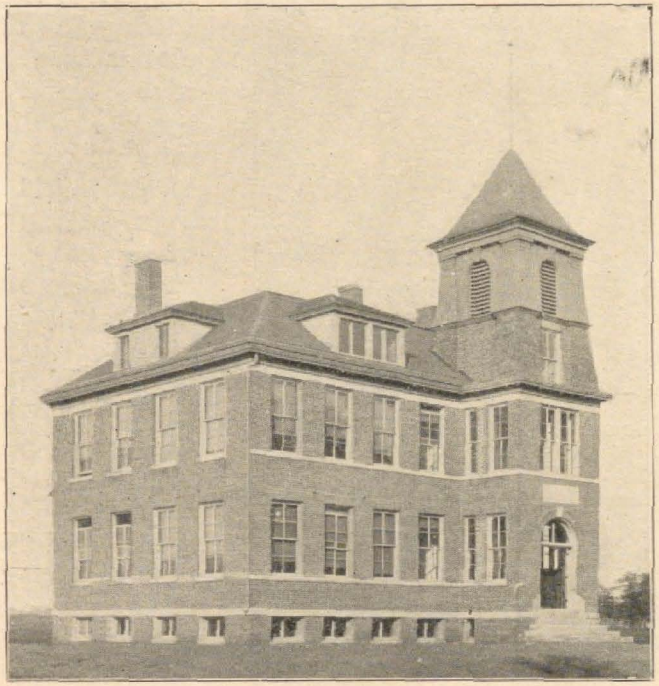
ENTRANCE TO THE PRISON.

Interesting as are the details of the conduct of this institution space forbids further account. Eminent penalogists and prison managers from other points who have visited here and been shown through pronounce it first-class—and can offer but few, if any suggestions for improvements. Many of them have adopted the methods in vogue here at their home institutions, which is, in itself, proof that they are superior.

With a criminal population of over 800 men, who have passed their majority, and of all degrees of viciousness, there is rarely an escape. Some of the most famous prisoners in the world have been, or are confined here, and there are now behind its walls men of world-wide criminal notoriety. This is the only place in the state where capital punishment is inflicted and to the credit of the state, that rarely. In past years hoary-headed men, hardened in crime and reckless of the long future of eternity which confronted them; stripling youth with beardless face; robust manhood with protestations of innocence on their lips; black and white, American and

foreign born—all have gone down to death from the platform of the gallows in the solitary at the Indiana State Prison.

In the prison to-day are over one hundred convicted



MARSH SCHOOL.

murderers under life sentence. The death penalty being rarely inflicted.

Prisoners are not humiliated with stripes and shaved heads. The first grade wear blue suits—these are model prisoners. The second grade blue checked suits, and the third grade the ignoble prison stripes—these are incorrigables and naturally vicious. A prisoner on entering is put in the second grade. He is the "architect of his own fortune." He can go up or down. Few there are who choose the latter, there being but twelve men in stripes in the institution at this writing.

Many persons annually visit the big prison, as the peculiar features of life within its walls make it a most interesting place. The visitors are conducted through by polite attendents who take them to the great cell houses, the chapel, the kitchens where food is measured by the hundred of pounds, and drink by the hundred of gallons; through the great workshops where toiled-stained men bend to their tasks, to the storehouse, the bathhouse, and all points of interest, and the visit cannot but be impressive and instructive.

Impressive—in that it teaches the truth that honesty, sobriety and morality is the only life; instructive—in its teaching of purpose, method and good order.

The official staff of the great prison is George A. H. Shideler, Warden; Will H. Whittaker, Clerk; M. M. Barnard, Deputy Warden; Dr. A. L. Spinning, Physician and Rev. Harry L. Henderson, Chaplain. A force of fifty keepers and line officers assist the executive officers.

FEDERAL OFFICES.

Of all the features of progress that pertain to an enterprising and progressive community, there is not, as it is needless to remark, any more useful and indispensible one than the postoffice.

In this respect Michigan City is especially fortunate in

having a postmaster of rare energy and ability who has made the city, suburban and foreign mail service reach a plane of prompt dispatch that only the medium of telegraphic communication can improve upon.

This city, being a port of entry, here is located the United States Custom House. The Federal officers here are:

U. S. Commissioner—Jared H. Orr.
U. S. Custom House—Chas. J. Robb, Surveyor.
U. S. Light House—Harriet E. Colfax, Keeper.
U. S. Life-saving Station—Allen A. Kent, Captain.
U. S. Postoffice—Albert H. Leist, Postmaster.

THE CEMETERIES.

Michigan City has two pretty cemeteries—Greenwood and Calvary. They are located less than two miles from the lake, and are among the most picturesque and naturally beautiful "silent cities" in the country. They are situated in a charming woodland park, with hills and winding driveways and serpentine walks and filled with handsome monuments, tombs and mausoleums.

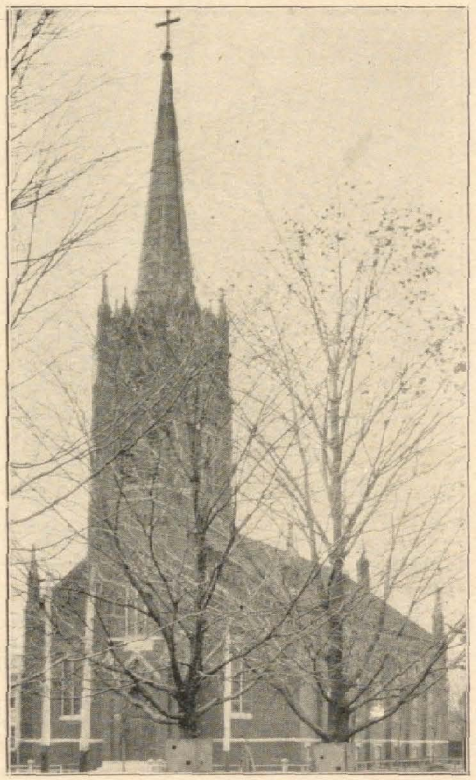
WHAT OUR CITY OFFERS.

Michigan City has the advantages to make it the great manufacturing stronghold of Indiana. Lake Michigan offers cheap transportation to the Atlantic seaboard and all lake ports, and there is a general awakening to the vast importance of this natural highway.

As a regulator of rates the importance of lake traffic is admitted.

We have here hundreds of excellent sites for the location of great plants. Coal is cheap; taxes are low. Our proximity to the great ore fields and shipping fiacilities make this an ideal and economic site for great reduction works, iron foundries, steel works, bridge works, machine works, blast furnaces, steel rail mills, ship building plants, nail works, and all of those industries using iron.

Besides being an admirable location for such enterprises, our city can offer equally good sites and advantages to all lines of manufacturing enterprise.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

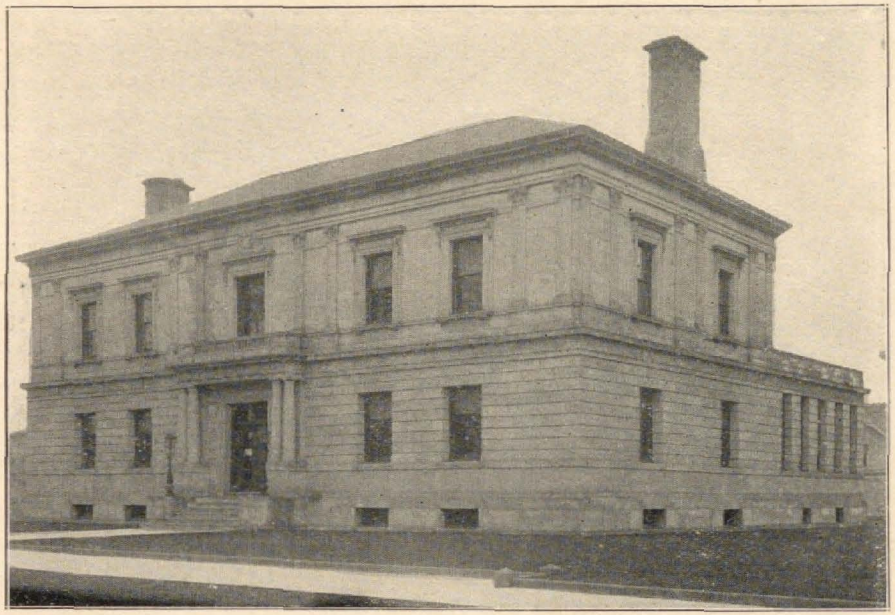
Corporations and manufacturers desiring permanent locations for growing industries will make no mistake in visiting Michigan City and looking over the field.

They will find here an up-to-date, energetic people, who are proud of their city and their good names—a people prosperous, thrifty and intelligent; a neighborly people, among whom it is a pleasure to dwell.

And this is an inducement any city could offer with pride

THE PRESS.

The press of Michigan City is fully up to a high-grade of journalistic enterprise, and in all departments of news gathering, of criticism, and of thoughtful discussion, the



THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

newspapers are representative of its progress and advancement.

They are known for their reliability, perspicacity, comprehensiveness, variety and moral tone. The press has exerted a powerful influence in promoting the material prosperity of the city, and in producing the results of energy and industry which have culminated in the Michigan City of today.

Their policy is conservative and they present a creditable testimonial to the fact that the people of our city are a reading and intelligent people.

THE EVENING NEWS.

The oldest and most representative paper in Laporte county is THE EVENING NEWS of Michigan City. Established in 1835 under the style of The Michigan City Gazette, this paper, under its several titles, has for two-thirds of a century been read in the best homes of both city and county.

In 1846 the name of the paper was changed to THE NEWS and published weekly continuously until 1853, when its plant was entirely destroyed by fire.

A year later The Transcript became its successor, and in 1856 its name was changed, under new management, to The Enterprise. In 1882 The Every-Day Enterprise was established and in 1887 THE NEWS again succeeded.

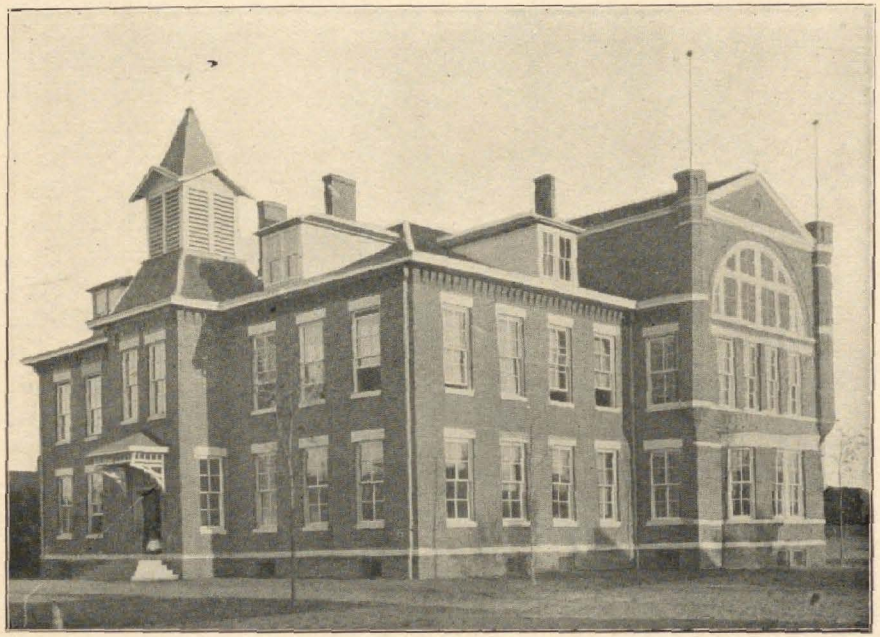
In March, 1888, the present editors and owners of the paper, Messrs. Charles J. Robb and Ira S. Carpenter, took its management under the firm name of Robb & Carpenter. Under their able direction and untiring efforts THE EVENING NEWS has constantly grown in value and expanded in influence, and is today recognized as the largest circulating medium in Northern Indiana, as well as an able authority, liberal and unselfish. Republican in its politics, it is firm in its beliefs, but not radical in expressiveness.

Five years after coming into control, the present owners had seen THE NEWS grow beyond itself, and its pres-

ent home was especially erected, it being the only paper in the city owning its own building.

THE NEWS has the most complete and modern newspaper, commercial and book printing establishment of any city of its size in the state. New material is constantly being added and every aid to high-class art work employed.

The publication of "Michigan City Illustrated" is



FOURTH WARD SCHOOL.

typographical and artistic proof that THE NEWS has no rival here in the art preservative. The enterprise and energy of the paper, in its every department, is truthfully mirrored in this handsome volume which has just been issued from its presses.

The object of THE NEWS in this publication is objective, not subjective. It is to give to its own people, of which it is an important factor, as well as those abroad, instruction, profit, and, so far as may be possible, a just conception of Michigan City as a place of residence, of business, of manufacture, of social and intellectual activity and of spiritual progress.

Its work has been completed, many difficulties surmounted and prejudices overcome. Where provincial narrowness and jealousy have been used to inveigh against its success, its perverters have "been born to blush." THE NEWS takes a pardonable pride in its work—a pride born of the consciousness of a work well and faithfully done, and it is earnest in its belief that its labors will be fruitful of reward.

THE DISPATCH.

The Dispatch, an evening democratic paper, was established in 1879 as a weekly paper, and in 1881 as a daily, by Hon. H. H. Francis, who died in 1891. Since the death of the founder the paper has been edited and owned by Helen Francis and John B. Faulknor.

DIE FREIE LANZE.

The only German newspaper published in Laporte county is Die Freie Lanze, a weekly independent paper, founded in 1891, and holds a high place among the German papers of the state.

COMMENDATORY FEATURES.

Michigan City has nearly 20,000 population. It has direct railway connection with the entire country. As a

lake shipping point no city has a better harbor. It is a great lumber center. Its government is ideal. Its school system is highly efficient. In healthfulness it has no superior. Its rate of taxation is low. It is beautifully lighted and paved. Labor troubles are unknown here. It has hundreds of ideal manufacturing sites.

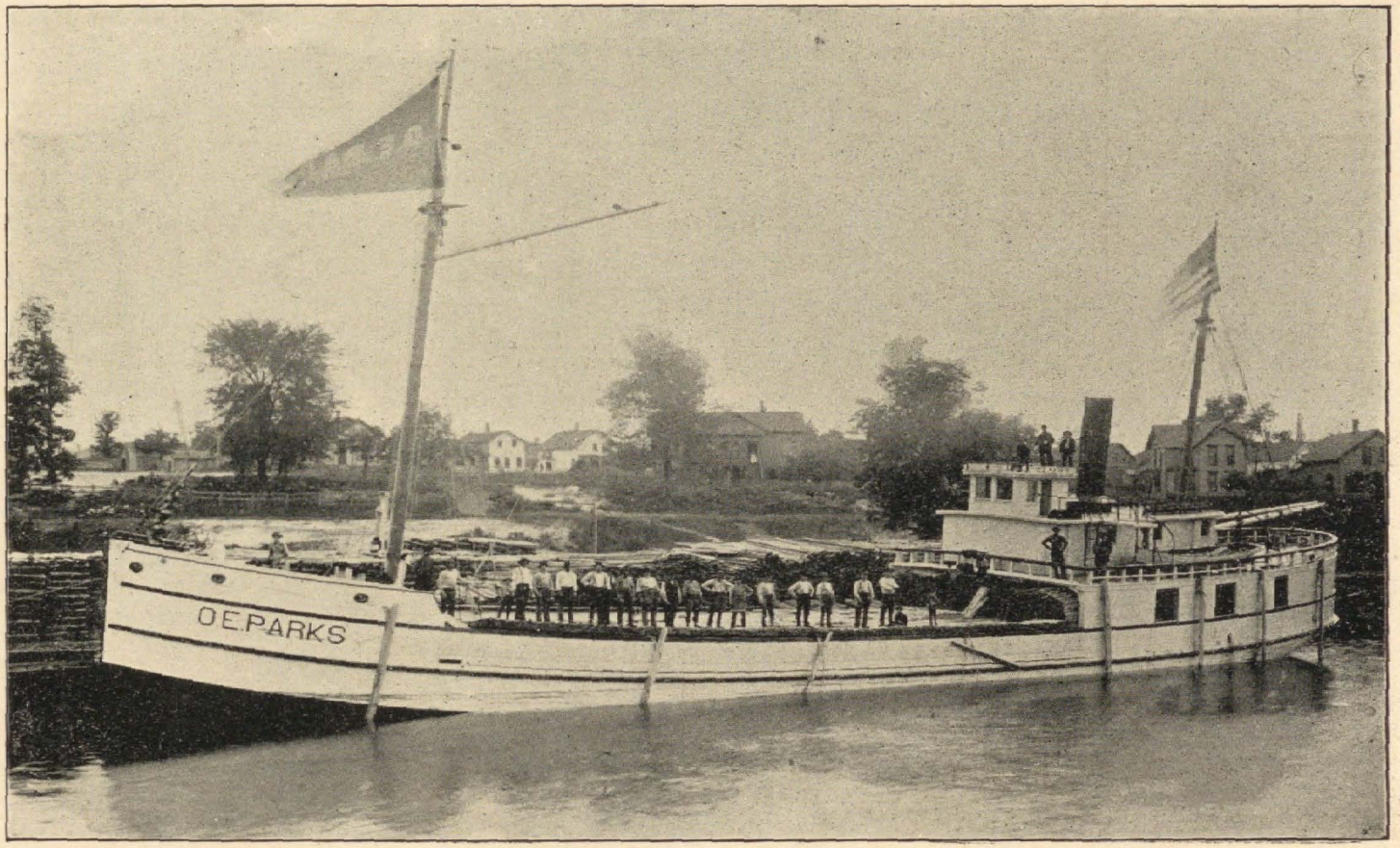
CONCLUSION.

The remarkable progress of Michigan City is due to the natural advantages, mid-continental location, railway and lake shipping facilities, cheap fuel, proximity to raw material, prosperous and contented working men, educational advantages, the character of its people, their culture, conservatism, industry and wealth.

To those who have assisted in making successful this work, the publishers make grateful acknowledgement. The enterprise, public spirit and hearty co-operation of our representative business men, professional men and citizens has made possible the publication of "Michigan City Illustrated," as well as guaranteed for it a wide distribution.

The illustrations that accompany the work were, almost entirely, made from original photographs taken especially for it. In the succeeding pages will be found brief sketches of the rise and progress of our representative business houses, whose honorable dealings and methods have made them worthy; also biographical sketches of our business and professional men, officials and citizens whose names are synonymous with public spirit and progress—men, broadminded and unselfish, who are using their abilities to advance the interests of the city.

RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES PORTER.



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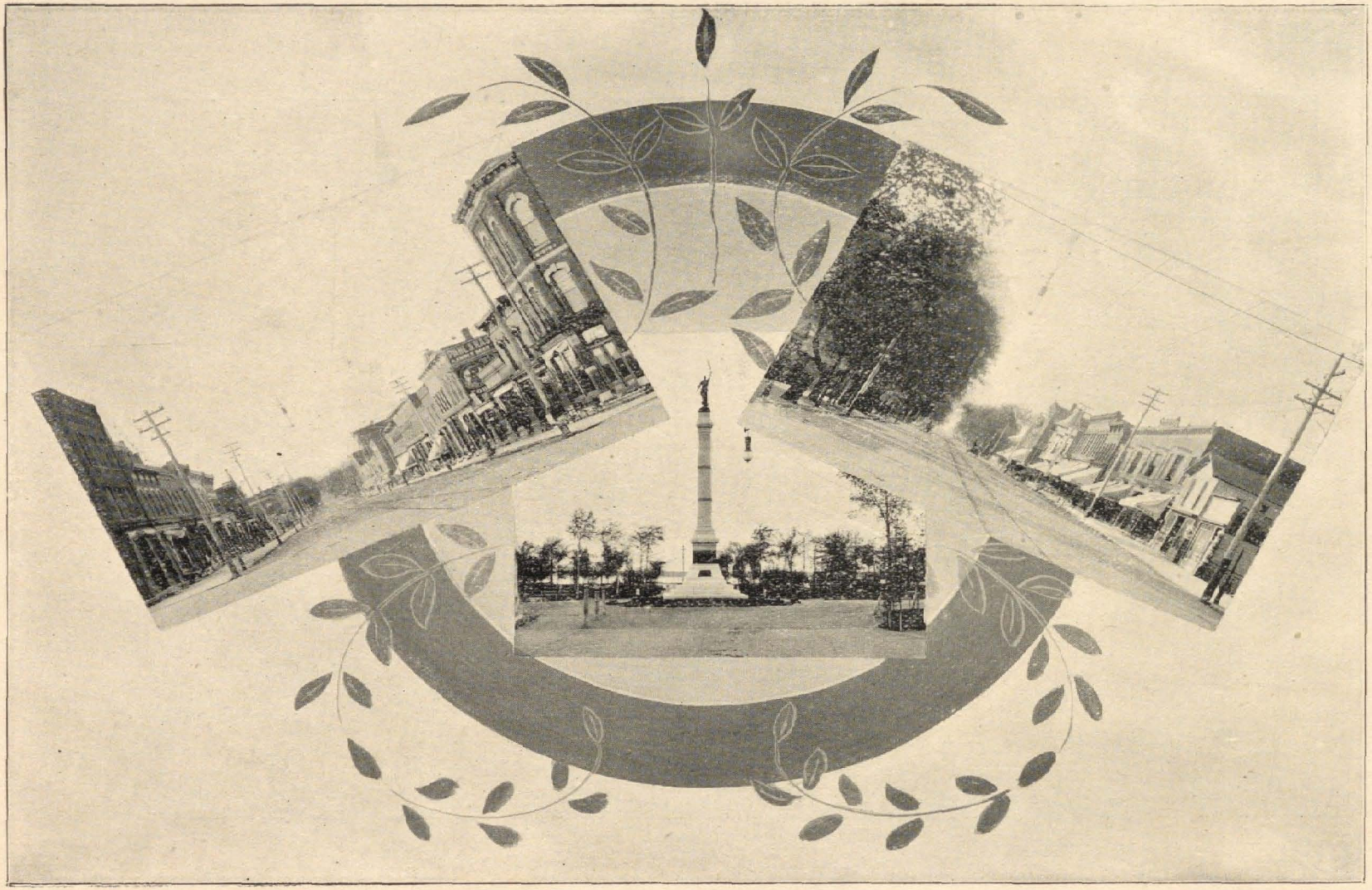

Biographical and Business Sketches.

HON. URIAH CULBERT,
State Senator.

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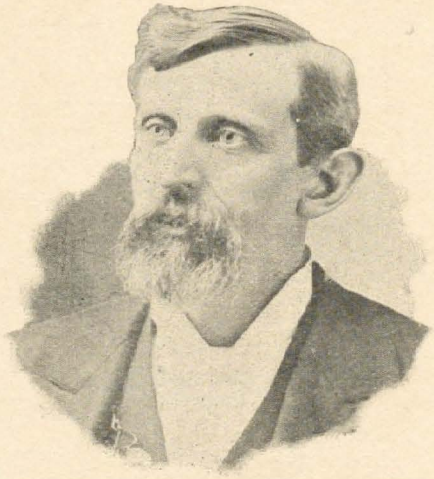
Hon. Uriah Culbert, state senator, financier and government contractor, is a product of the old Empire state, having been born in Nunda Valley, Allegheny County, N. Y., January 5, 1835. When but a boy his parents removed to Michigan. Brought up under a dominion of sturdy independence young Culbert knew what hard work meant, and he determined to win his way in the great world. In 1859 he set out for the Golden Gate. He spent four years in the California gold fields, and then returned to Muskegon, Mich., where he resided until he came to this city. In Muskegon he was engaged in the steamboating and lumber business and there was no better known man on the lakes than Captain Culbert. He held the offices of alderman and city treasurer while a resident there, and was always foremost in the advance of the city. It was nearly twenty-seven years ago that Captain Culbert came to Michigan City. Since coming here he has been largely engaged in the marine contracting business, and in large government and private improvements in our harbor and elsewhere. He built the breakwater and cribs in the outer harbor and the docks and piers on the inner harbor, and it is very largely through his efforts that Michigan City enjoys the lake shipping facilities that she does to-day. Senator Culbert has always been a strong advocate of the lake shipping and waterway improvements, and has taken a personal interest in the harbor of

the city of his adoption, He built the world-famous "Lagoon" at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. He also built the naval pier, the foundation for the great ærial wonder—the Ferris Wheel, and the celebrated electric fountain which delighted the eye and senses of fifteen millions of people. The firm of Culbert & Son, of which he is the head, is widely and deservedly known in the line of marine and government contracting. Senator Culbert has always been interested in suffrage rights, and has represented this district two years in the state legislature and is now serving his fourth year as senator. He has rendered valuable and distinguished services, and won the esteem of his political opponents. Senator Culbert is one of our leading and most public-spirited citizens, and a man of liberal ideas. He is a director of the First National Bank, and resides with his family in a handsome house at 732 Pine street. Senator Culbert was married February 21, 1865 to Miss Mary A. Noble, of Muskegon, Mich.

HERMAN M. KEMP.

Herman M. Kemp was born in Berlin, Germany, September 6, 1869, his parents being Fred Kemp and Louise (Schlender) Kemp. When young Kemp was three years of age his parents removed to Chicago, where they remained five years, then moving to Michigan City. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools here and later the high school. At the close of his school days he selected the trade of a cigar maker. In 1891 was organized the firm of Miller & Kemp, which began the manufacture of cigars. This firm continued until 1898, since which time Mr. Kemp has conducted the business alone. He was married in 1897 to Miss Minnie Schultz, an estimable young lady of this city.

WILLIAM R. CORBIN.



William R. Corbin, secretary and treasurer of the Michigan City Sash and Door Company, was born in Cattaragus county, N. Y., July 29, 1845, and his father was a minister who officiated over many charges in that section of the state. Young Corbin attended school in several places in Wayne county, and had the advantages of the scholarly training of his father. He completed his education at the Rochester Collegiate Institute—now the University of Rochester—at Rochester, New York. He started out in life as a clerk in the dry goods store of Partridge Bros., at Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained three years, when he went to Oswego, N. Y., and took a clerical position in a business office. Here he learned bookkeeping. In 1880 Mr. Corbin came to Michigan City and took a position as bookkeeper for a lumber concern, where he remained until 1884, when he accepted a like position with Mr. James V. Jones. He continued with Mr. Jones until his death in 1887, when the Michigan City Sash and Door Company was organized, when he became secretary and treasurer of the company. He was married in 1875 to Miss Hortense Peck of Genesee county, N. Y., and resides at 601 Pine street.

EMIL W. LINDEMANN.

A leading and representative house in the drug trade is that of Emil W. Lindemann, prescription druggist and chemist, whose finely appointed pharmacy is located at 413 Franklin street. This house is one that has attained a prestige and magnitude that make it truly representative of the best interests in this special line and first in the trade here. The premises occupied are a large and finely fitted store, specially suited to this branch of business and gives every facility for handling the constantly increasing trade. The stock is an unusually large and complete one and consists of a fine line of all kinds of pure and fresh drugs, patent and proprietary medicines, physicians' and surgeons' supplies, perfumes, toilet articles and requisites, fancy articles and all kinds of druggists' sundries and fancy goods, stationery and wall paper. The prescription department is under the personal supervision of Mr. Lindemann and is unusually complete and finely stocked, and quality and accurateness are features in preparing physicians' prescriptions and difficult family formulæ. This department is fully equipped and the most intelligent care is given to every detail of it. Mr. Lindemann is practical and expert in all branches of the drug trade and his many years' experience specially qualify him for the exactions and requirements of the position. He is a business man of wide enterprise and experience and a thoroughly public-spirited citizen who takes much interest in all enterprises calculated to benefit the city.

MICHAEL ROMEL.

Michael Romel, vice-president of the Citizens' Bank is a native of Germany, and was born near Stuttgart in 1838—and lived in his native land until he was twelve years of age, when his parents came to America, settling on a farm in Erie County, New York, near Buffalo. Here the family resided for about two years, when they removed to Michigan City, where they bought land engaged in farming. Mr. Romel has resided here continuously for almost a half century. When a boy Mr. Romel attended the district schools here, and then learned the trade of a wagon maker, at which he worked for many years. Mr. Romel give up the wagon making business and engaged in the grocery trade, which he discontinued in 1878, since

CHARLES E. ARNT.

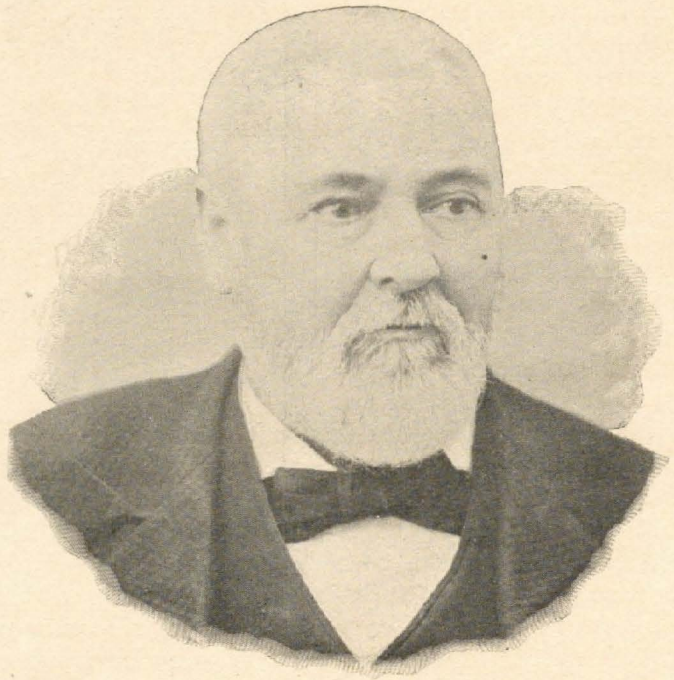
Charles E. Arnt is a native of this city, having been born here on the 27th day of October, 1862. He is the son of Rudolph Arnt and Johanna (Kliest) Arnt. Until he was seventeen years of age young Arnt spent his days upon a farm near this city, and enjoyed the advantages of the common schools of the city, and later attended the high school. As a boy Mr. Arnt was taught those cardinal principles of business success—frugality, honesty, and determination. When seventeen he left the old homestead and entered the drug store of J. E. Haddock as a clerk. Upon the death of Mr. Haddock, Mr. Arnt conducted the business for the estate until 1883, when he accepted a position in the Lumberman's Bank. of this city. Here he remained until May 1884, when he resigned his position to accept an offer from the Commercial National Bank, of Chicago, where he was made teller and remained until 1888, resigning his position to become cashier of the Citizens' Bank, which position he has honored for an even dozen years. Mr. Arnt has risen through all the grades of modern banking to his present position, and is a tactful and conservative financier. He is a type of the self-made, self-poised American, and is domestic in his tastes and finds his pleasure in his home and among his friends. Mr. Arnt was married in 1888 to Miss Aimee Hutchinson, the daughter of Senator William B. Hutchinson, president of the Citizens' Bank.

HENRY C. KUNKEL.

One of the interests here that has contributed in large measure to our prosperity is that of Henry C. Kunkel's bottling works, 140 State road. This enterprise was established in 1874 by William Kadow. The premises occupied consist of Mr. Kunkel's residence barns, bottling works and ice houses. The bottling works are completely equipped with all modern appliances for the manufacture of high grade carbonated beverages. The output includes the famous Kadow pops and soft drinks, sarsaparilla, lemon, ginger ales, etc. All are made of pure ingredients and are sold to leading residents for table drinks, also to saloons and hotels. The house enjoys a very large trade in this line. Mr. Kunkel is the agent here for the world famous Pabst beers. Milwaukee beer is famous, Pabst has made it so, and the sale here is very large. The Pabst beer is handled by the keg and also bottled for family use. Mr. Kunkel is a leading and representative business man, who is held in the highest esteem

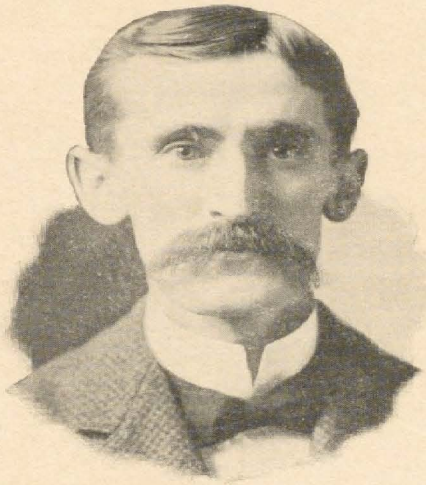
ALBERT T. VREELAND.

Albert T. Vreeland, director of the First National Bank and real estate owner, is a native of Essex county, New Jersey, where he was born January 1, 1831. Mr. Vreeland was a son of Aaron B. Vreeland and Jane Vreeland, his father being a successful farmer. Mr. Vreeland was born on a farm and lived there until he was seventeen years of age. He received his early education in the country schools, attending district schools in the winter and assisting his father on the farm during the summer season. When seventeen, Mr. Vreeland started out to carve his own fortune, and his success in life is due entirely to his own efforts, determination and yankee frugality. Mr. Vreeland went to Newark, N. J., where he learned the machinists' trade, and remained four years. He next went to Newburg, N. Y., where he worked at his trade about a year, when he went to Detroit, Mich., where he was employed two years in the Detroit Locomotive Works. He next went to Marshall, Mich., with the Michigan Central Railway Company, and in 1855 was transferred to the car shops in this city. He remained here one year, and with the company at other points until 1859, when he returned to Michigan City, where he has since resided. Mr. Vreeland gave up the machinists' trade forty years ago, since which time he has been engaged in the real estate business here. He owns the Vreeland Hotel, the leading hotel in the city, and much other valuable property. Mr. Vreeland has served his ward in the Common Council and is a man who has always believed in the future of the city. For several years he has been a director of the First National Bank, the oldest banking house in the city.



A. T. VREELAND.
Banker and Financier.

ALBERT H. LEIST.



Albert H. Leist, postmaster of Michigan City, was born here November 14, 1865, in the same house in which he has ever since resided—118 West Eighth street. Mr. Leist attended the public and high schools and from school life he began as a grocery clerk and later entered the employ of C. F. H. Carstens in the dry goods trade, where he remained for five years. He next became inspector for the Alaska Refrigerator Company and, after one year, resigned to become Deputy Postmaster under F. H. Doran, which position he held until 1894. In the latter year he was elected City Clerk on the Republican ticket. Here he remained four years. Upon his retirement as City Clerk the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved by the Common Council of Michigan City a vote of thanks be tendered our retiring City Clerk for the able and courteous manner in which he has conducted his office." In 1898 President McKinley appointed Mr. Leist Postmaster and on April 1, 1898, he assumed charge, his commission expiring April 1, 1902. His career as a government official is at its height, and the efficiency of the service, under his direction, has reached the point of perfection. Since he became Postmaster, Mr. Leist has seen his office remodeled into one that meets every public requirement. He has added new carriers and his office remains open until 11 o'clock at night, and mails are received and deposited upon every train leaving the city. Postmaster Leist is the son of the late Henry Leist and Mary (Voss) Leist. His father was widely known as a contractor and builder. Mr. Leist was married in 1892 to Miss Lena Gould and has two daughters—Mary and Alberta. He is a man prominent in social life, a Mason, Knight of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, and is a director of the Michigan City Loan and Building Association and trustee of the Congregational Church.

C. J. GOTTO.

A leading house in the coal and wood trade is that of C. J. Gotto, at the corner of Ninth and Pine streets. This business was established seven years ago by Mr. Gotto. The office and warehouse is specially fitted and the coal yards are on the railroad and the river near the Sixth street bridge. Mr. Gotto does a very large business and handles the best hard and soft coal. He also deals largely in wood, owning two valuable farms, one in

Springfield township, eight miles east of Michigan City, and one in Center Township, seven miles southeast of the city. These farms are among the best in Laporte County. He also deals in hay and straw, corn, oats, oil meal, and general feed stuff. Mr. Gotto is a thorough business man and has won success by fully deserving it. He is careful and honest and well known and highly esteemed by all who know him.

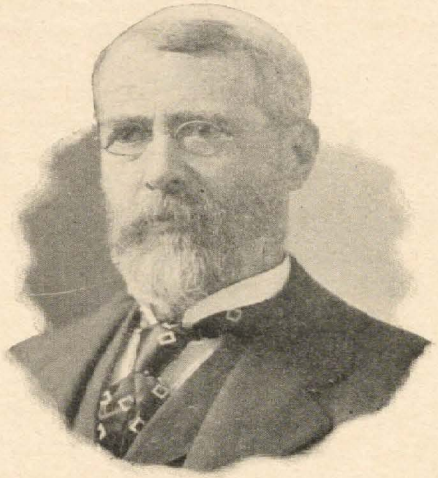
I. I. SPIRO.

Michigan City has no financial interest of more paramount importance than that of real estate and insurance. Leading among the houses engaged in this line is that of I. I. Spiro, whose office is at 402 Franklin street. He deals largely in choice city property and in renting property. He also does a general fire insurance business, and represents many of the largest companies in existance among them being the Ætna Insurance Co., of London; the Glens Falls Insurance Co., of Glens Falls, N. Y.; the Imperial Insurance Co., of London; the Grand Rapids Insurance Co., of Grand Rapids; the Milwaukee Mechanics, of Milwaukee; the American, of Newark; the National Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford; the Northwestern National, of Milwaukee; the North British & Mercantile, of England; North German, of Hamburg, and others. In life and accident insurance he represents the Travelers' Insurance Co., of Hartford; in plate glass, Lloyd, Plate Glass. Mr. Spiro places the insurance risks for many of the largest property owners and insurers here. He does a general office law practice. He handles transatlantic steamship tickets and makes reservations with the leading companies. Loans are made on mortgage, and a general financial business conducted on these lines. Mr. Spiro is one of our most public-spirited business men and is foremost in all enterprises that are calculated to advance the best interests of the city. He is receiver of the Lake Cities' Electric Street Railway company; Secretary of the Michigan City Loan and Building association; and is prominent in social circles. Mr. Spiro is a native of Germany and came to Michigan City in 1882 as a clerk in the city treasurer's office and later went with the Michigan Central Railway as ticket and passenger agent. In 1890 he started in his present business and by ability and progressive methods has won his way to the top.

MISS H. KRUEGER.

Miss H. Krueger, whose popular millinery parlors are located at 414 Franklin street, is a native of Laporte. When but a child her parents removed to this city, and here she attended the public and German schools and received her education. After the close of her school days Miss Krueger went to Chicago, where she learned the millinery trade and remained there until three years ago, when she returned to Michigan City, where she has met with deserved success.

GEORGE F. SMITH.



George F. Smith was born in New York City, August 16, 1829, and was educated in the public school of the Metropolis. In 1843 his parents removed to Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, where young Smith learned the trade of a pattern maker and carpenter and joiner. In 1854 he came to Michigan City and went to work for the Haskell & Barker Car Company, where he remained but a short time, when he accepted a position with the Michigan Central Railroad Company as foreman in the shops, where he remained twenty-three years. While with this company Mr. Smith brought out a number of valuable patents, among them being a vice-anvil for Te rails, an automatic machine for manufacturing umbrella sticks, and a mechanical slide guage. He invented the celebrated Alaska Refrigerator, organized a stock company and built an immense plant here. After seven years he sold out and went to California. In 1886 he returned to this city and was again employed for almost two years at the car works. While there he designed and patented the Peerless Refrigerator, and organized a company at Eau Claire, Wis., for its manufacture. He remained there one and one-half years, and returned here.

JOHN H. PETERS.

John H. Peters is a native of Germany, having been born in Mecklenberg in 1835. He was educated in the schools of his native land. In 1854 Mr. Peters came to Michigan City, where he has since resided. For twenty-one years he was in the employ of the Michigan Central Railway Company, having filled positions as yard-master, in the freight house, and eleven years as ticket agent for the Michigan Central, Lake Erie and Monon. In 1876 he retired from railroading service and was engaged one year in the grocery trade and nine years in the boot and shoe trade. Mr. Peters was assistant postmaster for seven years and was appointed postmaster by President Arthur, where he served until the first Cleveland administration. From 1892 until 1896 he was a member of the Common Council. Mr. Peters has been married twice. His first wife died in 1886. He was married the second time November 21, 1895, and resides with his family at the corner of Eighth and Washington streets. Mr. Peters is recognized as a deservedly successful business man, who has won his position through his own unaided efforts and is highly esteemed.

FRED SPIRO'S FAMILY LIQUOR STORE.

The commercial interests of Michigan City are in the hands of men of ability and high standing, who have ever been prominent in the progress and advancement of the city in every legitimate way. Among the houses of wide popularity here is that of Fred Spiro's Family Liquor Store, 513 Franklin street, where can always be found a fine line of wines and liquors. Mr. Spiro has been engaged in this line of trade for a dozen years and has built up a business that is a credit to his wide enterprise and business sagacity. The premises occupied are a large store, handsomely fitted and equipped. The stock carried is a most comprehensive one and includes a fine line of imported and domestic wines, brandies, cordials, rye and bourbon whiskeys, gins, rum and all kinds of liquors. Mr. Spiro handles only the best and makes a specialty of fine California wines and brandies. He also conducts a buffet where is dispensed the best that can be found in the market. Mr. Spiro is an energetic business man and a thoroughly public-spirited and popular citizen, who enjoys the highest confidence and esteem of the entire community.

E. HARTKE.

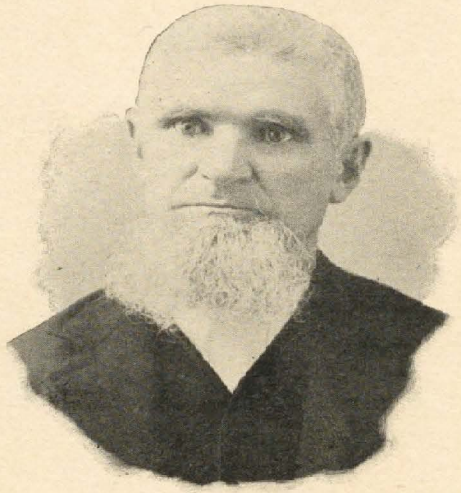
In this closing of the century's review of our city and its progress, we will call special attention to those leading industries that have contributed to its prosperity. One of these is that of Ed Hartke & Co., upholsterers and repairers of all kinds of furniture whose office and works are located at 211 West Ninth street. This business was established in a small way and has grown to one of prominence and importance here. The factory is a two-story building fitted and equipped with all necessary appliances. The firm employs only the most skilled upholsterers and finishers and does the very highest class of work. All kinds of upholstering is done and old furniture repaired and refurnished. The firm carries the largest and finest line of picture mouldings and mattings in the city and guarantees the finest work. The members of the firm are experts in this line of business and give their personal attention to all work. They are business men of enterprise and ability and public-spirited citizens, who take pride in the progress of Michigan City, and use their best endeavors to advance its interests in every legitimate manner.

950 feet deep, supply a variety of medicinal waters, highly mineral. The tract is being transformed into a beautiful park, with shaded walks leafy bowers, flower beds, and every beauty that skill and money can suggest. A large modern sanitarium and hotel is to be built in this beautiful place. Mr. Zorn is a business man of sound judgment, sterling enterprise and the strictest sense of commercial honor, and it is to Mr. Zorn, and other liberal men, that Michigan City owes most for its progress and advancement during the past quarter of a century.

ROESKE BROS.

CHRISTOPHER ROESKE.

Among the notable enterprises that has added not a little to the advancement and progress of our city is that conducted and owned by Roeske Bros., on Michigan street. These gentlemen—Messrs. Christopher and August Roeske—are proprietors of the Eureka Mills, and large extensive brick yards and kilns. The business was established many years ago by the present proprietors and each year has seen the business increase. The plant covers many acres, including a well-cultivated and fertile farm. The Eureka Mills are a large four-story brick building fitted with the latest roller machinery for making fine flour of the highest grades. The line of manufacture includes the widely-known "Bumble Bee" and other brands of fine flour, buckwheat flour, corn meal, feed, etc. The brick manufacturing plant covers many acres. The equipment includes the latest kilns, brick moulds, grinding machinery, etc, and the capacity of the works, aggregating 30,000 brick per day. The firm manufactures all kinds of building and paving brick.

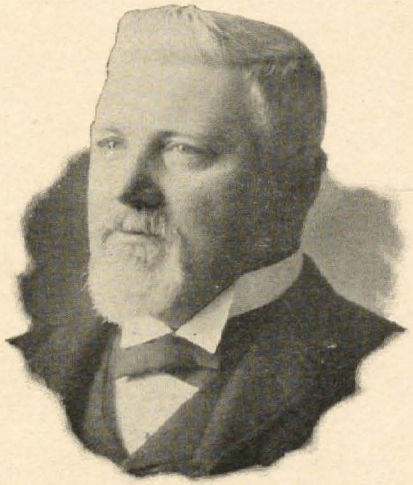


AUGUST ROESKE.

MALCOLM T. WRIGHT.

Malcolm T. Wright, trainmaster of the Michigan Central Railroad in this city, was born at Detroit, March 25, 1861. Young Wright attended the public schools of Detroit and began practical life as messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. He was next employed in the railway ticket office in the Russell House, and May 1, 1879 accepted a position and began his career in the railway world as a messenger in the trainmaster's office of the Michigan Central Railroad at Detroit. His first promotion was to number taker, then yard clerk, and as assistant trainmaster at Toledo, Ohio. In 1893—during the World's Fair—he was trainmaster at Chicago.

J. J. CASEY.



J. J. Casey, superintendent of the Haskell & Barker Car Company, is a master car builder of experience and high reputation. Mr. Casey is a native of Ireland, having been born in Galway, May 3, 1849. His parents came to America when he was but a child and located near Troy, N. Y. Here young Casey lived until he was ten years of age and attended the country schools. At the age of ten his parents removed to Louisville, Ky., where he continued his education in the public and the Christian Brothers' School. When fourteen years of age Mr. Casey entered the employ of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company at Louisville as a car builders' apprentice. At the conclusion of his apprenticeship he went to Huntsville, Alabama, in the employ of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company, where he remained seven years, when he was promoted to car shop foreman. He was afterwards made the general foreman for bridges and buildings for the same company, and on October 18, 1878, was promoted to Master Car Builder of the same road at Memphis, Tennessee. In 1882 Mr. Casey resigned this position and went to the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas Railroad Company, as Master Car Builder. Five years later, in 1887, he accepted the Superintendency of the Missouri Car and Foundry Company at St. Louis, where he remained until April, 1888, when he returned to the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas Railway Company at Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he was appointed Superintendent of Motive Power in May of the same year. He remained with this company until it was purchased by the Illinois Central Railroad company, when he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Machinery of the Illinois Central Railroad company with headquarters at Chicago. On December 31, 1895, Mr. Casey resigned his position to become superintendent of the Haskell & Barker Car Company, of this city, which position he has since held.

LEONARD G. KRAMER.

Leonard G. Kramer, druggist, was born at Crown Point, Indiana, May 1, 1866. When a boy he attended the public and high school at Crown Point, where he received a good education. At the end of his school days he entered a drug store in his native city, where he remained for five years. In 1887 Mr. Kramer went to the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, graduating

with a degree in 1889. The year of his graduation he went to Hammond, Indiana, where he engaged in the drug business until 1893, going from there to Chesterton, Indiana, where he remained until 1899, when he removed to this city and opened his present drug store at the corner of Franklin and Tenth streets. Mr. Kramer was married in 1861 to Miss Eleanor Rader, of Davis, Ill.

ALONZO S. NICHOLS.

Alonzo Nichols is a native of the Empire State, having been born at Penn Yan, Yates County, on February 12, 1841. Mr. Nichols was born and reared on his father's farm and his early education was acquired in the district schools. Until he was twenty-four years of age he followed the occupation of farming, and then went to Mason, Michigan, where he arrived in 1865, and took the position of station agent on the Saginaw branch of the Michigan Central Railway. Here he remained until 1872, when he went to West Bay City, where he occupied a like position until 1875, when he came to Michigan City, where he has since lived. In the spring of 1881, the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago railroad tendered him the position of general agent of that line, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Nichols accepted and remained with the company until 1891, when he resigned to engage in private business. He is agent of the National Salt Company, whose extensive warehouses are located here. He is the able assistant postmaster and is widely known. Mr. Nichols was at one time city recorder and township treasurer, of West Bay City, Michigan, and two years deputy sheriff of Laporte County. He was married in 1858 to Miss Frances B. Hathaway, of Yates County, New York. Mr. Nichols is a 33 degree Mason and a member of the National Union.

REV. EMANUEL WROBEL.

Rev. Emanuel Wrobel, pastor of St. Stanislaus' (Polish) Church, was born in Blotnica, Silesia, on Christmas day, 1866. Until he was fourteen years of age he attended the elementary and public schools of his native village. In 1881 he came to America and went to Chicago. He decided to enter the priesthood and went to St. Francis' Seminary near Milwaukee, where he took a classical course, and course in philosophy and theology, and studied there for nine years. On June, 22, 1890, he was ordained priest at St. Francis by Rt. Rev. Richter, Bishop

of Grand Rapids, and he sang his first mass at Otis, Ind., June 29, 1890. July 11, 1890, he came to Michigan City as assistant pastor to Father Bleckmann, where he remained until Jan. 1, 1891, when the St. Stanislaus congregation was organized and he was appointed pastor by Bishop Dwenger of Fort Wayne. The new congregation worshipped in St. Mary's Hall until September, 1891, when the present church and school on Ripley street was built. This church was dedicated Sept. 22, 1891. Father Wrobel is earnest and faithful and highly esteemed by all.

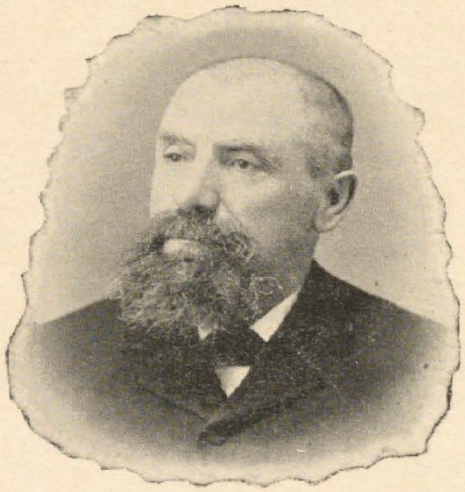
J. J. GLASSCOTT.

The coal trade of Michigan City represents an important factor in its trade and a house conspicuous for honorable dealing is that of J. J. Glasscott, general dealer in hard and soft coal, whose yards and office are located near the Sixth street bridge. This well known enterprise was established by Mr. Glasscott nine years ago and has attained a high prestige and magnitude in the local coal trade. Mr. Glasscott enjoys unexcelled facilities for receiving and shipping by rail, and does a large and constantly increasing business. He handles the best grades of Pennsylvania anthracite coal from the Scranton collieries and also Sunday Creek, Hocking Valley and Jackson Hill, bituminous coal from the best Ohio coal fields. He delivers coal to all parts of the city and his promptitude in filling orders has won for him a high place in the trade.

WILLIAM H. VEHLEN.

In the line of harness manufacture and trade the representative house here is that of William H. Vehlen, 424 Franklin street. The premises occupied by this business are large and nicely arranged. Mr. Vehlen manufactures all kinds of fine harness, also heavy harness and harness goods, and carries a full and complete line of fine harness for the general trade. He also does all kinds of harness repairing and carries a line of saddles, bridles, whips, blankets and horse furnishings and stable furnishings, besides a full line of trunks, satchels, bags, etc., and a general line of traveling goods. The trade of the house is large and the patronage is among the leading people. Mr. Vehlen is an old and respected citizen, having resided here 45 years, and is a business man of wide enterprise and high integrity.

FRED SCHAEUFFELE.



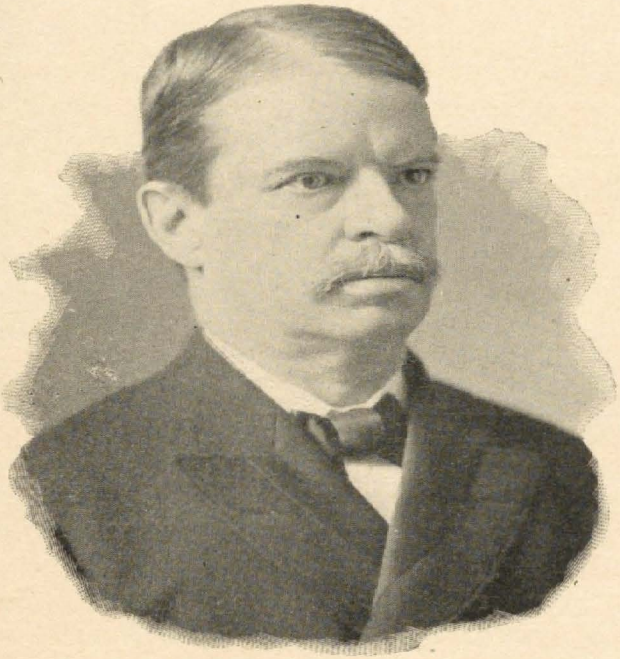
Fred Schaeuffele, for many years city treasurer, is a native of Germany, and was born in Wurtemberg on the 19th day of September, 1830. He was educated in the schools of his native land, and learned the blacksmith's trade. In November 1853 he came to America, locating in Detroit, where he worked at his trade for several months. March 13, 1854, he came to Michigan City, and was employed in the car shops until 1857, when he went to work for the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railway company, remaining with that corporation three and one-half years. In 1861 he returned to Germany and remained abroad until May 1862. when he returned to Michigan City and went to work for the Michigan Central. In May 1881 Mr. Schaeuffele was elected City Treasurer of Michigan City, holding that position for seventeen years continuously, or until 1898.

WILLIAM MILLER.

William Miller, the well-known marketman, at 1001 Franklin street, is a native of this state. He was born in Indianapolis, August 18, 1854. He removed to Lafayettee, Ind., and after a brief stay came to Michigan City, where Jacob Miller engaged in the meat trade, in which line he continued until his death in 1866, and which successful business was continued by his wife. The subject of this sketch was practically brought up in the meat market business, having been in the business with both his parents. Eleven years ago he started in the butcher trade alone at the corner of Franklin and West Boston street, where he now occupies a two-story brick building. He does a general retail business, handling all kinds of choice, fresh meats, salt meats, etc.

FRED J. KRUEGER.

Fred J. Krueger, the well-known grocer, is a native of Germany and was born August 20, 1866. He is a son of Charles Krueger and Mary (Zorn) Krueger. He was educated in the schools of his native land and in 1888 came to Michigan City, where he has since resided. He began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store, where he remained for eight years. Three years ago he started in business for himself at 1402 Franklin street, where he occupies a large and nicely appointed store. Mr. Krueger was married Sept. 21, 1894 to Miss Dora Warkentine of this city.



HON. JOHN H. BARKER.
President Haskell & Barker Car Company.

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Hon. John H. Barker, President of the Haskell & Barker Car Company, comes of a pioneer family of this city. His father, John Barker, was a native of the old Bay State and came here in 1835, engaging in mercantile pursuits. In 1855, with Frederick Haskell, he engaged in the manufacture of railway freight cars, under the style of Haskell & Barker, thus inaugurating the great industrial plant that in every essential has made Michigan City prosperous and advanced. Mr. Barker was a man of rare business ability and always believed in the future of the city of his adoption and used his money and influence in its legitimate advancement. He was president of the Harbor Company during the prosecution of many improvements. The mother of the subject of this sketch was Mrs. Cordelia E. Barker. Hon. John H. Barker was born in Michigan City, Feb. 4, 1844. He received his preliminary education in the common schools here and later took a course at Racine College. When but nineteen years of age he went to Chicago where he was for two years employed as a clerk in a wholesale grocery house and there received his first practical knowledge of the varied details of a business career. Not content to work for others he went to Springfield, Ill., where he started in the grocery business on his own account and where he remained three years, returning to Chicago. In 1870 Mr. Barker came to Michigan City and connected himself with the Car Works. Here he held various positions with the firm until the present company was organized and incorporated when he became general manager, which place he held for several years, afterwards becoming president, the position he now occupies. While Mr. Barker did

not lay the foundation of the immense business he owns and directs, it is his genius and ability that has built it to its present proportions, where employment is given to nearly 2,000 persons and 10,000 cars are built annually. While Mr. Barker has for years been engrossed in the details of his great enterprise, he has found time to serve the city as Mayor, having been elected in 1880 by an overwhelming majority on the Citizen's ticket and during his tenure of office he championed many needed municipal improvements. Mr. Barker is a man of wide-public spirit and civic pride and has ever been generous to the city of his nativity. It is largely through his generosity that the city obtained its handsome Public Library and it was he who built the attractive Peristyle and band stand at Washington Park, where the Ames Michigan City Band, under his liberal patronage, gives open air concerts during the season. Mr. Barker was married August 29, 1873 to Miss Genia Brooks of this city, who died April 3, 1891. Several children were born to the union, of which all are deceased. February 14, 1893, Mr. Barker was married to Miss Katherine FitzGerald and a daughter, Katherine, is the idol of their beautiful home. Mr. Barker is a man of wide business and social affiliations. He is a member of the Calumet, Washington Park and Chicago Clubs of Chicago; the Union League Club of New York and the Minnesota Club of St. Paul. He is director of the Union National Bank of Chicago and the First National Bank of Duluth, Minn. The characteristics of Mr. Barker's mental organization are application, energy and courage. He is one of the most unostentatious of men, frank, openhearted and candid. In business he is of untiring energy and unimpeachable integrity and in the world that knows him best, an affable and courteous gentleman of scholarly graces and liberal ideas who wins the highest regard and retains it.

THE PERISTYLE, WASHINGTON PARK.

NATHANIEL P. ROGERS.

Nathaniel P. Rogers, secretary and treasurer of the Haskell & Barker Car Company, is a native of the Granite State, having been born at Plymouth, New Hampshire, November 22, 1838. Mr. Rogers received his early training in the schools of his native state, and in 1862 left Plymouth and went to Chicago where he was engaged for two years as a book keeper in the commission trade. In 1864 he came to Michigan City as book keeper for Haskell & Barker, and in 1871 when the Haskell & Barker Car Company was organized was made secretary

of the company, and several years later was made treasurer. Mr. Rogers was married in 1867 to Miss Mary E, Sammons, of this city, and resides with his family at 701 Washington street. Mr. Rogers is vice-president and a director of the First National Bank.

GRANT R. YOUNG.

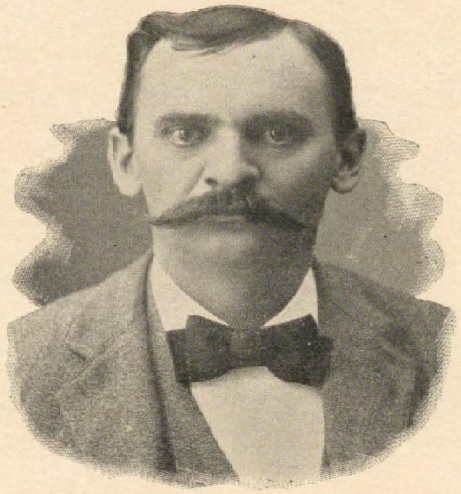
Grant R. Young is a native of Michigan, having been born at Ovid, May 13, 1865. When but a boy his parents removed to Michigan City, where Mr. Young was educated in the public and high schools, and later taking a business course at the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso. Concluding his studies Mr. Young accepted the position as local agent for the steamer "Adrian," and remained there one year, resigning to become local car accountant for the Michigan Central Railway. He next went with the Rust-Owen Lumber Company, as bookkeeper at Loup City, Nebraska, and afterwards managed the company's branch and yards at Sargent, Nebraska. Mr. Young next engaged in the contracting business where he remained two years, and in 1892, when the Michigan City Lumber & Coal Company was organized, was engaged as manager. In 1897 Mr. Young, with his brother, E. W. Young, bought the entire business and have since conducted it, Grant R. Young directing and managing the business. Mr. Young was married in 1890 to Miss Jessie E. Corbly.

REV. GEORGE H. HORSTMAN.

Rev. George H. Horstman, the popular assistant pastor of St. Mary's church, is a native of Fort Wayne, where he was born November 15, 1872. He is a son of Henry C. Horstman and of Anna (Hankens) Horstman. Father Horstman attended St. Mary's school at Ft. Wayne until he was 14 years of age, when he decided to enter the church. He spent five years in classical preparation at St. Lawrence College, Calvary, Wis. Upon the completion of his studies there he went to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, where he spent five years in a philosophical and theological course, graduating in June 1897. He was ordained and took Holy Orders at Fort Wayne, June 24, 1897, by the late Bishop, Rt. Rev. Joseph Rahdemacher, who also baptized and confirmed him. Father Horstman sang his first mass in St. Mary's at Ft. Wayne, June 27. He received his appointment as Assistant Pastor to Father Bleckmann, July 9, 1897, and came to Michigan City,

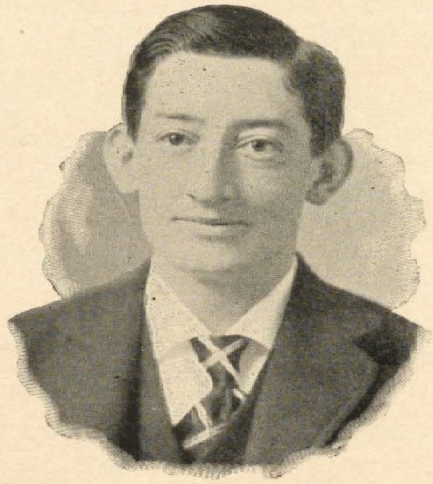
where he has since resided, and directed the religious study at St. Mary's school. Father Horstman is a young man of rare mental attainments and personal graces. He is popular with all and his work in our midst will be lasting.

HON. M. T. KRUEGER.



Hon. Martin T. Krueger was born in Mecklinburg, Germany, November 10, 1853 and is one of a family of nine children. In 1864 his parents came to Michigan City and located. Young Krueger worked on a farm in the summer and attended school in the winter and in March, 1870 began working in the machine shops of the Haskell & Barker Car Company. In 1871 he learned the trade of covering saddle trees and later worked for Orr & Sons in the sash and blind trade. In the spring he went to Mendota, Ill., where he was engaged in farming for six years. Mr. Krueger returned to Michigan City in 1877 and began the study of law with Fred G. Johnston. Upon Mr. Johnston's death, a year later Mr. Krueger continued the real estate and insurance business of Mr. Johnson, and the study of law. He was elected City Clerk in 1879, and re-elected in 1881 and 1893. The following year he was elected to the Indiana Legislature, where he served with distinction. In 1887 Mayor Krueger was admitted to the practice of his profession in the Federal and State Courts. In 1889 he was elected Mayor of Michigan City and two years later was re-elected. In 1893 the Legislature extended his term of office until 1894, and in 1898 he was again elected Mayor, still holding the position. Mayor Krueger is a Scottish Rite Mason and one of the organizers of the Hermit Club. He was married in 1879 to Miss Rose Renspies, of this city.

EDWARD J. HEISE.



Edward J. Heise was born in this city October, 9, 1874, and attended the public schools of this city and the high school. His scholastic training was completed with a course in Asire's Northwestern School of Business where he graduated, and with a course in the Michigan City College, where he became proficient in shorthand and typewriting, and where he received a diploma for scholarship. In 1897 Mr Heise began practical life as a stenographer, typewriter and amanuensis in the Vreeland Hotel, where he remained until 1898, when he was nominated and elected City Clerk, which position he now ably fills. He was elected by a majority of 702 votes running ahead of

his ticket, and he carried every precinct but one in the city. Mr. Heise took the office in the same year and has made a record to be proud of. He has largely simplified the registry and recording of ordinances, and his thorough knowledge of bookkeeping rendered him and the city valuable service. Mr. Heise is secretary of the Democrat Township Committee. He is secretary of Michigan City Congress No. 6, Modern Samaritans. Mr. Heise is a man of the people and with them. He is closely in touch with the requirements of his exacting position of trust, and his management of city affairs is characterized by economic measures that have proven his worth as a young man of rare abilties and capable of executing any trust imposed upon him.

CHARLES H. MILLER.

Charles H. Miller, the present efficient city treasurer of Michigan City, was born in this city, and has grown up among us, honored and respected. He attended the public and high schools of the city. He has always been interested in the political welfare of the city, and in 1898 was nominated and elected City Treasurer, which position he now occupies.

HARRY M. MILES.

Harry M. Miles, city engineer, is a native of our city and is widely known. He is the son of George W. Miles and Mary (Alexander) Miles, and first saw the light of day March 25, 1862. Young Miles attended the public and later the high school. At the close of his school days he found employment with the Hitchcock Chair Company where he remained several years. While thus employed he took up civil engineering, by home study, self-culture and the assistance of a correspondence school. In January 1899 he was appointed City Civil Engineer, where he has done work that reflects the highest credit upon his ability and good judgment. Mr. Miles very early in life took a deep interest in musical matters, and is highly accomplished, being specially gifted in his performance upon the clarinet. He has been active in musical culture here and he was one of the organizers and a leader of the Ames Union Band, of which he is still a member. Mr. Miles was married in 1884 to Miss Florence Gibson, of this city. He is of that class of young men in whom the future of the business world can fully rely in its fruition of every promise of the past.

ALBERT W. FREHSE.

Albert W. Frehse, superintendent of the waterworks, is a native of this city, having been born here July 29, 1857. He is a son of Charles Frehse. Young Frehse was educated in the public schools and also in the parochial schools. When a young man he was elected Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, and later was elected its chief. He was next elected a member of the Water Board, serving for three years, two of which he served as president. In all of his career he has been most prominent in the advancement of the service, and favored waterworks improvements. Mr. Frehse was elected and served as door-keeper of the State Senate. He served as Deputy Sheriff under G. W. Reed. Three years he served as a policeman on the regular force. After serving his city in these different capacities, he retired from political life and engaged in the plumbing business for several years. In May, 1896, he was elected Superintendent of the Waterworks, which position he has filled with the highest credit to himself and the city. Mr. Frehse is a capable and energetic business man of the highest standing. Mr. Frehse was married April 13, 1882 and resides with his family at 751 Michigan Street.

JEROME BURBANK.

Jerome Burbank has resided in Michigan City so long that he is entitled to be called a pioneer resident. Mr. Burbank was born at Newark, Wayne County, New York, October 16, 1825. Young Burbank attended the school in his native village and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked several years at Newark. In 1853, he started for the west, stopping a short time at Lafayette, Ind., and in the same year came to Michigan City. For ten years he worked as carpenter and railway bridge builder and in 1863 enlisted in the army and went to the front. Mr. Burbank was in the Quartermaster's department, and in 1865 was connected with the Quartermaster's department in Washington. For several years he has been engaged as bookkeeper for the Zorn Brewing Company. Mr. Burbank was married in 1856 to Miss Julia Whitney of New York state and resides at 424 Pine street.

JOHN M. LAY.

John M. Lay is a native of Baden, Germany and was born Nov. 15, 1852. When three years of age his parents emigrated to this country and settled at Laporte, Ind. Young Lay attended the public schoools at Laporte and when a young man became a fruit gardener. In 1869 he came to Michigan City where he remained three years and then went to Kansas where he lived eleven years. In 1881 he returned to this place and bought out the City Bakery at 114 East Michigan street, which he has since conducted. He was married April 27, 1871 to Miss Emma Kuhn.

HON. GERRITT S. VAN DEUSEN.
Secretary Merchants' Mutual Telephone Company.

HON. GERRITT S. VAN DEUSEN.

Hon. Gerritt S. Van Deusen was born in 1851 and comes of good old Holland ancestry, which traces its lineage way back to the Tenth century. His father, Robert R. Van Deusen, was descended from early colonial stock and his mother was Miss Elvira Stewart, also of the Empire state. His father practiced law in Madison County, New York and in 1866 he removed with his family to Michigan City, where he continued in the practice of law until his sudden and lamented death June 9, 1879. Of such stock came the subject of this sketch, one of a family of eleven. Young Van Deusen attended the public schools here and graduated and then attended the Morrisville Union School. In 1869 he took up his first employment as a brakeman on the Michigan Central railroad and later as express messenger. In 1871 he went with J. H. Winterbotham & Sons as traveling salesman, remaining with that firm several years and resigning to accept a like position with a large Ohio company. In 1885 he started in the manufacture of reed chairs, under the style of the Michigan City Reed Chair Company. In 1893 Mr. Van Deusen—who is a staunch Republican—was tendered, by a Democratic governor, and accepted, the appointment as a member of the Metropolitan Police Board of Commissioners, where he did able work. He has served as a member of the Common Council of the city and in 1894 he was elected Mayor of Michigan City on the Republican ticket. Mr. Van Deusen was a moving spirit in organizing the Merchants' Mutual Telephone Company and is secretary of the company, devoting a large share of his time to its furtherance and advancement. He is popular in social life being a Mason and a

member of Acme Lodge, No. 83; Michigan City Chapter, No. 25; Michigan City Commandery, No. 30, and Michigan City Council, No. 56, and the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a director of the Citizens' Bank and an active member in the church and charitable work of the Methodist Episcopal and also president of the board of church trustees. Nov. 9, 1881, Mr. Van Deusen was married to Miss Rachel S, Couden, who comes of a family of Laporte County pioneers. Three children have been born to the couple, the only surviving one being Miss Grace Sampson Van Deusen.

JOHN T. FOGARTY.

John T. Fogarty, member of the Common Council from the First Ward, is a native of Illinois—and was born in Galesburg, October 6, 1856. When young Fogarty was thirteen years of age, he came to Michigan City and for two years attended St. Ambrose Academy, after which he took two years in the High School. After his school days he decided to take up railway life and on July 14, 1873 began as a fireman on the Michigan Central Railway, where he continued until October 10, 1877, when he was promoted to the right side of the cab, and has been an engineer ever since, In 1888 he was elected councilman. In 1890 he was re-elected, and in 1892 was defeated for election by thirteen votes on the water issue. In 1898 Mr. Fogarty was again elected to the City Council, on the water issue. Mr. Fogarty is chairman of the Waterworks committee and a member of the finance and street and alley committees, and is always looking to the best interests of the city. Mr. Fogarty is a gentleman of pleasing personality and a thoroughly public-spirited citizen and advanced thinker, and enjoys the confidence of all. He married Miss Rose S. Ziemer, of Michigan City, and has three boys.

FRED C. ARNDT.

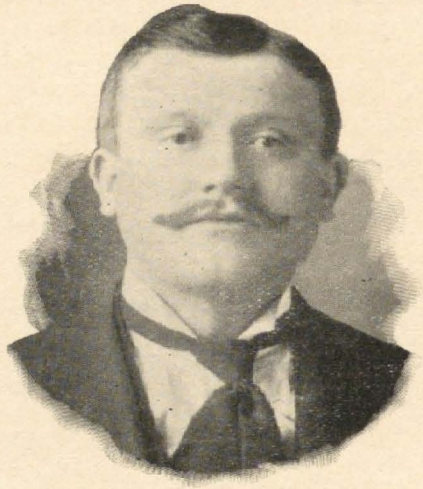
Fred C. Arndt, member of the Common Council from the Second Ward, is a native of Germany. Mr. Arndt was born February 11, 1857, and when but seven years of age his parents came to America and located in Michigan City, living for two years on a farm two miles west of Westville. In the early 70's he came to Michigan City where he has since resided. When he came here he secured employment in the blacksmith department of the Haskell & Barker Car Co., where he remained several years. In 1894

Mr. Arndt purchased the buffet at 507 Franklin street, which he still conducts successfully. In 1891 he was elected councilman from the Second ward, and has served continuously since—having been elected three times. He has been chairman of every committee during his long service, and is chairman on the committee on fire department and a member of the street and alley, waterworks and railroad, harbor and bridge committees. Mr. Arndt was for nine years first assistant chief of the fire department, and has always conducted both his public and private affairs in a manner that has won for him the friendship of all. He was married in 1881 and resides in a pretty home at 907 East Second street.

AUGUST C. HEITSCHMIDT.

August C. Heitschmidt, member of the Common Council from the Second Ward, was born in the City of Chicago, January 28, 1864. May 1, 1888 Mr. Heitschmidt bought the mill and property of Joseph Dolman and has built up a good business. In 1896 he was elected to the Common Council and was re-elected in May, 1900, for four years. Mr. Heitschmidt was married October 6, 1887, to Miss Emma Warkentine and resides at 310 Michigan street.

FREDERICK C. MILLER.



Frederick C. Miller, the well known business man and councilman from the Third Ward, is a native of Germany. He was born August 28, 1866, and when but six years of age his parents, William and Ernestina Miller, removed to Michigan City. Mr. Miller was educated in the public and high schools of this city. When he was 14 years of age he started in the world for himself and until 1895 worked at unloading vessels and was in the produce business here for three years. Five years ago he engaged in the saloon business and opened "The Tammany," at 123 Franklin street. His place is one of popularity and Mr. Miller has built up a large trade. He carries a fine line of wines, liquors and cigars, and caters to a good class of people. In 1898 Mr. Miller was elected to the common council from the Third ward, and his acts as an alderman have stamped him as a thoroughly public-spirited citizen. He was married July 1, 1897, to Miss Tillie Kluege and resides at 746 West Sixth street.

JOSEPH ZOCH.

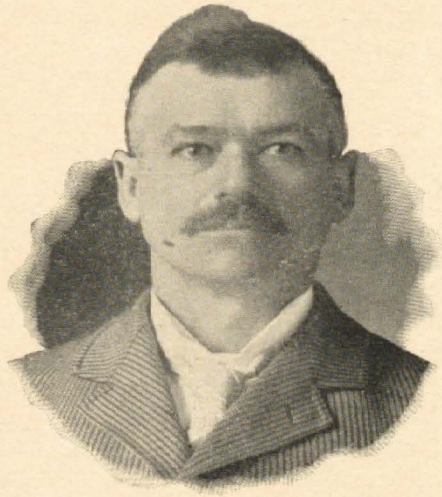
Joseph Zoch, member of the Common Council from the Third Ward, is a native of Germany. He was born at

Posen, July 31, 1867 and is the son of August and Veronica Zoch. He was educated in the schools of his native land and when he was but fourteen years of age came to America and direct to Michigan City where he has since resided. He was employed with the firm of Schmidt & Wells in the lumber business seven years and four years by William Ohming and was for one year with A. R. Colborn & Company. Ten years ago he started in the teaming and draying business and five years ago added coal business, in both of which he is now engaged. In May, 1900, Mr. Zoch was elected a member of the Common Council from the Third Ward. He was married in 1890 to Miss Martha Kilnowitz and resides at 820 Tennessee street.

WILLIAM HEEG.

Councilman William Heeg is a native of Michigan City and was born here in 1857 on the 17th day of July. In his early days he attended St. Mary's Parochial school, where he was educated and when but a boy decided to learn a trade. He found employment with the Haskell & Barker Car Company, in the axle department and has always remained with that company. In 1879 Mr. Heeg was married in Napierville, Illinois, to Miss Fannie Heim and with his wife and family resides at 1005 Elston street, in a home which his frugality and industry have won for him. In 1898 Mr. Heeg was elected a member of the City Council from the Fourth Ward by a very complimentary majority. He has rendered valuable service to his constituents and is always found in favor of public advancement and improvement. Mr. Heeg is a member of three important committees.

HENRY J. SCHREIBER.



Henry J. Schreiber, the popular member of the Common Council from the Fourth ward, is a native of this city, having been born in the ward he represents, January 13, 1861. Mr. Schreiber attended the public schools where he received a good education. When he was old enough to work he began the trade of moulding which he has followed ever since, with the exception of four years when he was foreman of a lumber company. During this time Mr. Schreiber built three houses, one at 208 West Baltimore street where he now resides. In 1898 he was chosen a member of the Common Council to take the place of Robert Lytle, resigned, and in 1899 he was re-elected.

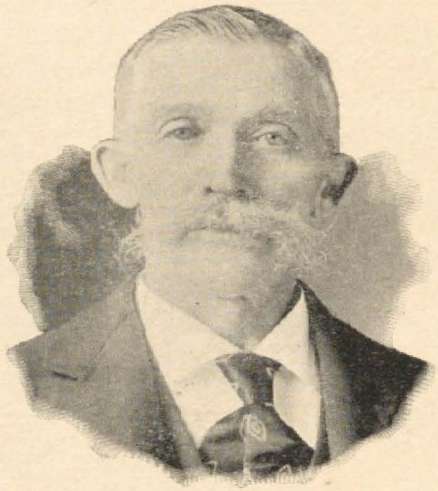
FRED C. KRUEGER.

Fred C. Krueger, member of the Common Council from the Fifth Ward, was born in Mecklinburg, Schwerin, May 7, 1849. He comes of sturdy Teuton stock and received his education in the common schools of his native land. He decided to come to America and sailed for New York and then came direct to Michigan City where he arrived August 28, 1864. He found employment at farming in Laporte county and continued in this line until 1869, when he went to work for the Michigan Central Railroad Company. In 1894 he engaged in the dairy business which he successfully continues. Mr. Krueger was elected a member of the Common Council in 1896 and re-elected in 1900.

HENRY SIEGMAN.

Henry Siegman, dealer in agricultural implements, was born in Laporte, January 17, 1874. He was educated in the public schools of this city, his parents having moved here when he was a mere child. Young Siegman learned the blacksmithing and carriage making trade, and until his father's death in 1899 worked in the shop with him. Since that time he has conducted the business that his father founded. The premises at 401 Washington street, comprise a large blacksmith shop and carriage repository adjoining.

GEORGE WEIGEL.



George Weigel, the well known member of the Common Council from the Fifth Ward, was born in Germany, September 13, 1836. He attended the public schools of his native country six years. At the age of thirteen he came to America with his parents and located at Niagara Falls. In 1856 he came to New Buffalo, Mich., and lived there until the war broke out and he enlisted in Co. F, Eighth Michigan Cavalry, serving through the entire war, and being mustered out with honors in 1865. He returned to New Buffalo. In 1882 he came to Michigan City and remained one year, then returned to New Buffalo and stayed two years, and in 1885 returned here and opened a meat market, which he conducted four years and retired from business. He next opened a saloon at 601 East Boston street, which he now owns. He was elected a member of the Common Council in 1898 and has made an efficient councilman, always being in line for municipal advancement and improvement.

MRS. KATHARINA SIEGELE

There are a number of pioneer residents of this city and one is Mrs. Katharina Siegele, whose home is at 112 West Fourth street. She was born in Germany, December 13, 1827, and was educated in the schools of her native land, and in 1846 was married to Mr. August Siegele, and came to Chicago, where she lived two years. In 1850 she came to Michigan City and has resided here continuously since. Mr. Siegele was engaged in business many years, and died October 3, 1896, leaving his widow considerable property. She is a lady widely known and highly esteemed.

FRANK M. BOECKLING.

Mr. Frank M. Boeckling was born in Michigan City, January 28, 1862, at the family homestead, 702 Franklin street. Young Boeckling attended the public shools and later the high school. He then entered the retail grocery business. In 1880 his father, the late John Boeckling, opened a grocery at 708 Franklin street and the subject of this sketch became a partner under the firm name of Boeckling & Son. In 1893 the former died and the present proprietor succeeded. Mr. Boeckling also does a large floral trade. He is secretary and treasurer of the Gem Sinker Company of this city, is a city commissioner and a superior court commissioner. He was married June 21, 1899 to Miss Linnia E. Dutton.

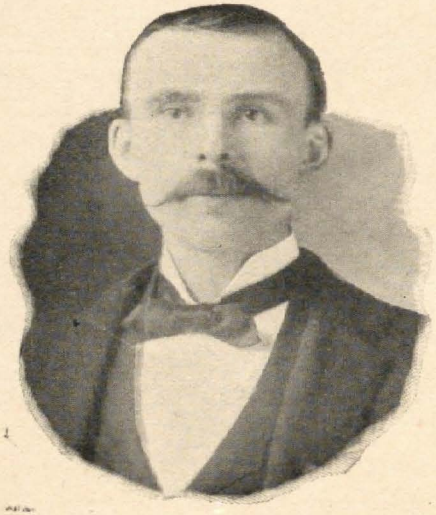
FRED W. WESTFAHL.

Fred W. Westfahl, Chief of the Michigan City Fire Department is a native of Michigan City and was born on a farm October 5, 1866. He was educated in the public schools here and at St. Paul's Parochial school and at the conclusion of his school days began working for the Alaska Refrigerator Company, where he remained nine years. He was next employed by the Summit Mfg. Co., and for the past five years he has been in the tinsmith trade. Mr. Westfahl has been connected with the volunteer fire department for the past eighteen years. In 1890 he was made assistant chief and in 1898 was elected chief. He has always insisted upon the highest efficiency in the department. In the spring of 1899, Chief Westfahl organized the Firemen's Relief Association, for the benefit of injured and sick firemen and was elected its first president.

WILLIAM H. S. GALLAS.

The business of thief taking is one that requires an inborn faculty and skill, a wide knowledge of human nature and inherent bravery. William H. S. Gallas, our popular Chief of Police, was born at Emersleben, Kreise (County) Halberstadt, Province Salhson, Provincial Government, City of Magdeburg, Prussia, where he was brought up on a farm. He received his early education under the government school system of his native land until he was fourteen years of age. He next served as a solder six years in the city of Magdeburg and Berlin, in the Twelfth Company, Twenty-seventh Regiment of the Fourth Army Corps, and won promotion from private to corporal and sargeant. In 1864 he was honorably discharged, and in the same year was married in his native city. He decided to come to America, and, with his bride, came direct to New Buffalo, Michigan, where he first became a naturalized citizen of the United States. While a resident of New Buffalo his wife died, leaving him with two children, and it was in New Buffalo that Gaptain Gallas married the second time. In 1879 Mr. Gallas removed with his family to Michigan City and has since resided here. In 1883 he was appointed on the police force and did excellent service for two years, when he was elected City Marshal, in which he served four years, when he became a special officer for the Michigan Central Railroad Co. and continued as such three years. In 1893 he was appointed sargeant of the Metropolitan Police force, and continued until 1897 when he was made Captain of Police and secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners, which positions he now holds. Captain Gallas is a fearless and conscientious officer and every crook gives this city a wide berth. In his time he have made many important arrests, securing convictions that has rid the community of dangerous persons. Today our city is almost absolutely free from crime

M. ARCH.



M. Arch, the proprie- of the market at 607 Michigan street, is a native of Germany, and was born near Berlin, February 22, 1863, when an infant his mother died, and when he was four years of age his father came to America, locating at Fox Lake, Wis., where he followed the trade of a butcher. Here young Arch was educated in the public schools and learned his trade. He resided

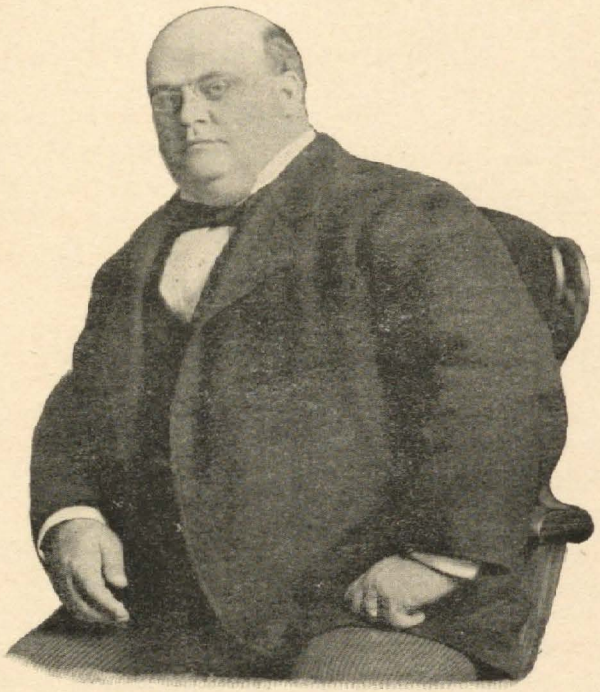
at Fox Lake 17 years when he removed to Chicago and lived until 1899 when he came to this city and started his present business.

DR. M. L. DRESCHER.

Dr. M. L. Drescher was born on a farm near Charlotte, Mich., August 25, 1866. Her father was Gustav Bromberg and her mother Sophia (Lute) Bromberg. Dr. Drescher lived at home and attended the public schools and later the high school where she graduated. She studied and also taught school in Eaton County, Michigan, until 1887, when she attended the Woman's Medical College of the Northwestern University of Chicago, where she graduated and received her degree after three years. Dr. Drescher returned to Marshall, Mich., where she had a successful practice, and in 1898, as Dr. Marena L. Bromberg, she married C. N. Drescher, the present manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, where the Docter has been engaged in a large and successful practice and built up a large and permanent clientele. Dr. Drescher is a lady of many personal graces and charms and has won deserved success in her profession.

DR. J. B. ROGERS.

Dr. Jesse B. Rogers, B. S., one of our most popular and accomplished physicians and surgeons, is a native of Byfield, Mass., where he was born December 30, 1865. Dr. Rogers is the son of Abial Rogers, and Susan (Rogers) Rogers. He obtained his early education in the schools of his native town, and the high school at Newburyport, Mass., where he graduated with honors. Dr. Rogers entered Dartmouth College in 1883 taking a full four years' scientific course and graduating in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He took up civil engineering as a profession, and continued in that line nntil 1892. During 1887-1888 he was in the engineering department of the Great Northern Railway. He left that line and went with the Northern Pacific as special agent and draughtsman in the Land Department, where he remained until 1892, when he decided to take up medicine and surgery, and entered the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, where he completed a three years' course, graduating in 1895 with his degree. In 1895 he came to Michigan City and has been deservedly successful. His office and residence are at 118 East Sixth street.



HON. GEORGE A. H. SHIDELER.
Warden Indiana State Prison.

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Hon. George A. H. Shideler, warden of the Indiana state prison located in this city, has evidenced the possession of abilities which place him in the front rank of penologists. Warden Shideler was born in Jonesboro, Grant County, Indiana, in Nov. 1863, the son of D. B. Shideler and Sarah Jeanette Eviston. In 1872 his parents removed to Indianapolis where he attended the public and high schools. The enjoyment of wealth was not his and in the summers of his school days young Shideler was engaged as a cash boy in a dry goods store and here was given a rough rudimentary training in commercial life. In 1882 he engaged with Byron, Cornelius & Company, wholesale dry goods, as a commercial traveler and continued with that house until July, 1888, when he resigned his position to become secretary and treasurer of the Marion Flint Glass Company of Marion, Ind., to which position he had been unanimously elected by the directors. In April, 1897, Mr. Shideler was a member of the House of Representatives and afterwards appointed a member of the Board of the Plainfield Reform School, which position he resigned in October, 1898, to become a member of the Indiana legislature a second time and where he served as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He was also a member of the Prison Committee of the House. In August, 1898, he resigned his position as secretary and treasurer of the Marion Flint Glass Company and at a subsequent board meeting was elected a director and secretary of the company, which position he now fills. His work at the Plainfield Reform School was so successful that the Board of Control, State Boad of Charities and Governor Mount, prevailed upon

him to accept the wardenship of the Indiana State Prison, which was to be vacant. Being a member of the State legislature, Mr. Shideler, under the laws, could not hold two state positions, and Governor Mount held the position of member of board at Plainfield open from Oct. 31, 1898, until March 11, 1899, when Mr. Shideler was reappointed on the board and then resigned that position to assume his duties as Warden. November 1, 1899. Mr. Shideler has devoted much study to penology and sociology and in his admistration of prison affairs has made many changes in prison methods. Humanitarianism characterizes his efforts and his reform begins with making the impression that he is the convicts' friend, if they would have him so, instead of overseer. He combines kindness and strict discipline, philanthrophy and firmness. Mr. Shideler is distinctly just in his observations and his acts are open, strong, accurate and full of force. In sound judgment, in patient industry, in clear conception of the spirit and scope of his position, both to the inmate and to his state, and in intuitive perception of right, Warden Shideler ranks high in the estimates of the public. Mr. Shideler is widely known in business and in the social life of our state. He is a director of the Commercial Club of Marion, Indiana, is secretary of the Union Box and Lumber Company, is secretary and a director of the Marion Flint Glass Company, and a director of the Cathedral Glass Company. He is also a director and secretary of the Philadelphia Land Company of Marion, Indiana, his associates being: Hon. John Wanamaker, Senator C. W. Fairbanks, Hon. George W. Steele, Hon. E. H. Nebeker, General A. D. Hazen, the late R. B. F. Pierce and W. H. Coleman. He is a member of the Prison Board, and is a staunch Republican, but not a politician. He selects his subordinates at the prison because of fitness and has divorced politics in such selection. He is a man distinctly of the people and with them. Affable, genial, sympathetic and courteous he is always approachable. Every person in the great grim prison makes him their confessor and to all he extends his hand and gives words of sympathy and cheer. He understands their every need, has the intelligence to divine that which best meets their requirements. A young man, on the sunny side of forty, he is honored and trusted by all who know him, and whatever his future, the record he has already made gives promise that he will worthily discharge any trust, however great, that may be given into his keeping.

WILL H. WHITTAKER.

Will H. Whittaker, Clerk at the Indiana State Prison, was born at Pittsburg, Carroll County, Indiana, February 17, 1861, the son of W. H. Whittaker and Martha (Dewey) Whittaker. Young Whittaker attended the public and high schools at Delphi, and in the winters of 1880-1881 taught school in Carroll County. In 1881 he was appointed Assistant Deputy Audi-

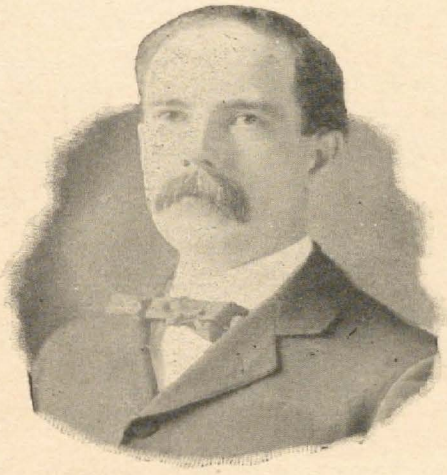
tor of Carroll County holding the position until 1883. He next served four years as Ditch Commissioner in the surveyor's office and in 1887 was again appointed Deputy Auditor. At the conclusion of his public service he engaged in the undertaking business at Delphi, where he remained until five years ago when he was appointed Clerk of the Indiana State Prison under Warden Harley. As Prison Clerk Mr. Whittaker has achieved success and won the high praise of all. He has devised a new system of prison records that has attracted the attention of public institutions in all parts of the country. By his system prison routine is systematized and accurate balances made each day. In the storehouse everything is issued on requisitions, everything charged to the proper departments and an inventory taken at any time must correspond with the books of the Prison Clerk. Under the Warden, he directs the buying and issuing of everything used in the great institution, as well as to the finanancial direction aud disbursements. An honest official and an energetic and tireless worker. Mr. Whittaker is a man of remarkable executive force and character. He is prominent in social and political life and is an Odd Fellow and was for twelve years secretary of Delphi Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., one of the wealthiest and strongest lodges in the state and five years a trustee, which position he resigned when he came to Michigan City. He is also a member of Masonic Lodge, No. 48, of Delphi. In political affiliations he has always been a Republican. He served two terms as Chairman of the Republican County Committee of Carroll County. He was three years a member of the City Council at Delphi and was chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Water Works Board during the construction of the new waterworks plant. Mr. Whittaker was married in 1883 to Miss Jennie Crowden of Carroll county, who died in 1884. In 1887 Mr. Whittaker married Miss Ida M. Swatts of Carroll county and this union has been blessed with one child, Ralph. Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker live in a pretty cottage near the prison and enjoy the esteem of a large circle of friends.

M. M. BARNARD.

M. M. Barnard, Deputy Warden of the Indiana State Prison, is a native of this state and was born at Burlington, Carroll County, Indiana, on April 4, 1862. He is the son of Obed Barnard and Mary (Gwin) Barnard. Young Barnard attended the public schools at Burlington and later the Normal School and received a good education. He began his life work as clerk in a general store, where he remained until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he went to Anderson, Ind., as head clerk for the Whitehouse Dry Goods Company. Here he remained three years, until September 8, 1893, when he was appointed a keeper in the Indiana State Prison, under Warden Charley Harley. He was keeper for three months,

when he was promoted to yard master, and on December 1, 1897, was promoted to Assistant Deputy Warden. On June 20, '99, he was made Deputy Warden, which exacting position he still fills. Since Mr. Barnard came to the institution he has seen a practical revolution in the method of prison management, and largely through his efforts and intelligent study of reform methods has it been brought about. He saw at once that the humane method of treatment was far the best; that reform must begin with humanitarianism. It was largely through his work that the brutal punishment of whipping prisoners was abolished. Mr. Barnard was married in March, 1888, to Miss Edith Fellows of Burlington Indiana, and resides in a pretty home near the prison.

DR. A. L. SPINNING.



Dr. A. L. Spinning, physician at the Indiana State Prison, was born at Covington, Indiana, on a farm, July 7, 1866. He is a son of William H. Spinning and Elizabeth (Musser) Spinning. When sixteen years of age he attended the public schools, when he went to Crawfordsville, and attended Wabash College. Following his collegiate course he taught school for four years in Fountain County Indiana, and while teaching decided upon a medical career. He read medicine while teaching, devoting himself to this study. He entered the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis in 1888 and graduated in 1891. He began the practice of his profession in Wallace, Fountain County, which he continued four years when he took a Post Graduate course at the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati. Dr. Spinning was appointed prison physician, and began work under Warden Harley. Since Dr. Spinning came to the State prison there have been many reforms under his regime, and changes that have brought lasting benefit. He fought for a hospital where prisoners could be treated according to the exigencies of the occasion, and in 1898 the present two-story hospital building was erected and equipped, under his personal management. Dr. Spinning conducts the Bertillion System in vogue at the prison. He is a member of the Board of Commissioners of Parole of the prison, and is in touch with Warden Shideler in his efforts to make the Indiana State Prison the model penal institution of the country.

ALPHONSO GNIBBA.

The clothing trade represents one of the most important features in the retail business of our city and we wish to call special attention to the business of Alphonso Gnibba, clothier and gents' furnisher, 412 Franklin street. This business was established several years ago and has grown to be one of importance in the trade. The store is large and the stock includes a full and complete line of new and ready-to-wear clothing, the products of the leading manufacturers of the county, also gents' furnishings, etc.

REV. H. L. HENDERSON.

Rev. Harry L. Henderson, chaplain of the Indiana State Prison is a native of New Brunswick, Canada, where he was born in 1867. Twenty years ago he came to Indianapolis, and attended Butler College, a divinity school of the Christian Church, where he graduated in a collegiate course in 1899, when he received the degree of Artium Baccalaureus—Bachelor of Arts. In 1895-6-7, while in college, he was pastor of the Hillsdale Avenue Christian church of Indianapolis. In 1898 when the Spanish-American war broke out, he made application for a chaplaincy in one of the regiments but there being no vacancies he enlisted as a private in the 27th Indiana Battery (and Battery A) where he acted as chaplain. He saw much service in Puerto Rico under General Miles, and also much of life on the islands. He returned and was mustered out in the fall of 1898. During the winter he lectured throughout the State of Indiana on "Puerto Rico and its People," giving stereoptican views of the country. In March, 1899, Mr. Henderson was appointed Chaplain of the Indiana State Prison under Warden Harley, and in Nov. 1899 Warden Shideler appointed him state agent, representing the prison board. Mr. Henderson, besides his duties of chaplain and school instructor, has entire charge and surveilance of paroled prisoners in all parts of the state.

DAVID S. DURBIN.

David S. Durbin, steward of the Indiana State Prison, was born at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, February, 15 1840, He comes of a family highly prominent, being the son of William S. Durbin, a successful tanner, and of Eliza (Sparks) Durbin, a daughter of Federal Judge Sparks. Young Durbin attended the public schools at Lawrenceburg until he was ten years of age when his parents removed to New Philadelphia, Indiana. Mr. Durbin attended the schools there and also at Salem, Indiana. In 1856 he went to New Albany, where he began life as an errand boy, in a dry goods store, where he remained four years. He returned to New Philadelphia. and when the war broke out enlisted as a private in Company C., 13th Indiana Infantry, and advanced to Sergeant, first Sergeant, and at the siege of Suffolk was promoted over the head of the Second Lieutenant. Mr. Durbin was an Aid de Camp on the staff of Brigadier General Robert S. Foster. He was in many battles including Petersburg,

Cold Harbor, Rich Mountains, Port Republic, Malvern Hill, the Bombardment of Sumpter, and was in the battle at Winchester where General Stonewall Jackson met his only defeat. Mr. Durbin was mustered out of the service July 2, 1864, and returned to New Philadelphia and engaged in the tanning business. In 1865 he went to Indianapolis where he remained in the real estate and grain business until he was appointed Steward of the Indiana State Prison under Warden Harley, in 1895. Mr. Durbin was married in 1880 to Miss Mamie C. Reisinger. Mr. Winfred T. Durbin who was recently nominated for Governor of the State is the youngest brother of Mr. Durbin.

JOHN R. WEAVER.

John R. Weaver, one of our leading business men, was born in Laporte County forty-five years ago. Mr. Weaver was born and reared on a farm, and received his education in the district schools of the county. He has been prominent in the political life of the city and county. He served Laporte County nine years as deputy sheriff, and for four years has been Deputy Coroner. Thirteen years ago Mr. Weaver came to this city where he has been engaged in the livery business, having a nicely equipped livery and boarding stable at 127-129 West Fourth street. Mr. Weaver was married seventeen years ago to Miss Anna M. Baldwin, a teacher in the public schools, and resides at 315 Pine Street.

REV. H. C. WICKEMEYER.

Rev. Henry C. Wickemeyer, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, is a native of Hanover, Germany. He was given a careful training, and after attending the schools in his native city for eight years he entered the Greek-Latin school at Hermansburg, Germany, Here he graduated with honors, and began the study of theology. Upon the completion of his ministerial training he came to America in 1872. Being thoroughly practical he entered the Capital University at Columbus, Ohio , where he concluded his studies in 1873. Rev. Mr. Wickemeyer was ordained to the ministry at Eaton, Ohio, and served a small congregation at Richmond. The latter grew so rapidly under his forceful pastorate, that he resigned his charge at Eaton to devote his entire time to the Richmond church. Mr Wickemeyer served this church as pastor for over twenty years. Besides his earnest church work he

devoted great efforts to charity and he founded the Wernle Orphan's Home, which has an average of ninety members and is the just pride of the Ohio Synod. In 1894 Mr. Wickemeyer was called to this city as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church. In 1897 he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his entrance to the ministry. He was visited by his congregation and many clergymen who congratulated him heartily.

JONATHAN SNOOK.

Jonathan Snook was born on a farm in Mifflin County, Pa., August 15, 1836. In 1852 Mr. Snook went to St. Joseph County, Mich., and engaged in farming. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted April 20, 1861, as private in Company G, First Michigan Infantry for three months service. He was mustered out Aug. 7, 1861, and re-enlisted in the 15th Michigan where he served throughout the war. When the war ended Mr. Snook went to Three Rivers, Mich. In 1865 he bought a farm in the south part of Laporte County. In 1872 he moved to Michigan City where he has since resided. Mr. Snook has been a Justice of the Peace here over 20 years. He is engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

ABRAM B. TEALE.

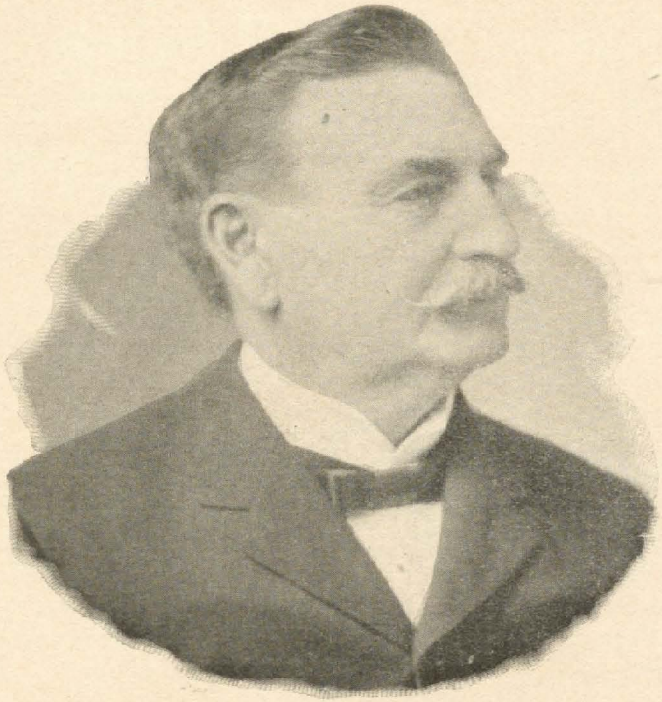
Abram B. Teale was born in Yorkshire, England, October 16, 1877, and is the son of William E. Teale and Elizabeth (Bennet) Teale. In 1885 the family came to America and direct to Furnessville, Indiana, where they remained one year and in 1886 they came to Michigan City. Young Teale received his education in the schools in England, and also the High School here, and took a private business course. In 1889 he went to Muskegon, Michigan where he lived four years and in 1893 to Chicago, where he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1894 he returned to Michigan City and engaged in the bicycle business. The firm was oiginally Teale & Teale and the business was conducted under that style until June 1899, when he became sole proprietor under the style of the Teale Cycle Co. Mr. Teale is a young man of ambition and determination and his success in commercial life has been honestly won and truly deserved, and we hope it may continue indefinitely. His business is constantly increasing aud expanding.

DR. J. NELSON LEDBETTER.

Dr. J. Nelson Ledbetter, B. S., is a native of Illinois and was born at Elizabethtown May 17, 1864. He is the son of J. Nelson Ledbetter and Rebecca (Myers) Ledbetter. As a boy Dr. Ledbetter attended the public schools of his native town and graduated from the Decemvirate High School. At the conclusion of his studies at home he attended the State University of Illinois at Carbondale, where he finished his course as a Bachelor of Science. He next attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Louisville, Ky. In 1888 Dr. Ledbetter entered Rush Medical College, where, at the conclusion of his studies he entered active practice with his preceptor as surgeon and physician to the Argyle Lead and Fluor Spar Mining Co. In 1893 he entered the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons and graduated with honor. In 1899 he finished his post graduate Medical Society and Hospital course in Chicago. In April, 1898, he came to this city and began the practice of his profession. Dr. Ledbetter was surgeon for the Choctaw Nation of Indians for two years, and at the same time was local surgeon of the Kansas and Texas Coal Company. He resides in a pretty home at 642 Washington street, where is located his office. Dr. Ledbetter was married to Miss Pearl D. Rafferty, the daughter of Dr. T. N. Rafferty of Robinson, Ill., in 1896, and to this union has been born one daughter—Thelma.

DR. H. W. WILSON.

Dr. H. W. Wilson is a son of Hardy Wilson and Mary (Whorwell) Wilson. He was educated in the public and high schools of Laporte, and was well equipped for professional study when he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Dr. Wilson took a thorough course in medicine, graduating with honors and a degree ,in 1892. He is widely known as a physician and surgeon and is a member and officer of the Laporte County Medical Society, and a valued member of the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In social and fraternal life he is popular, being a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and other fraternities. Dr. Wilson is surgeon for the Michigan Central Railway and the Lake Erie & Western Railway, and is the medical examiner for nearly all of the old line life Insurance Companies represented here.



HON. W. B. HUTCHINSON.
President Citizens' Bank.

HON. W. B. HUTCHINSON.

Hon. William Butler Hutchinson, Financier and President of the Citizens' Bank of Michigan City, Ind., was born in York County, Ontario, Canada, on the 30th day of April, 1840. His father was a successful farmer and Senator Hutchinson's boyhood days were spent at the homestead, where he enjoyed the advantages of the common schools in his locality. When but seventeen years of age he left the old farm and joined the 12th Battalion in Her Majesty's service as First Lieutenant until 1861. At the close of his martial service, just as he reached his majority he engaged in the carriage making business, learning the trade thoroughly and in this line he continued until 1867, when he went to the States, coming at once to Michigan City, where he has ever since resided. For many years he was engaged in the lumber trade. He is still interested to a limited extent in lumber trade, being President of the Hutchinson Lumber and Supply Company of Cordele, Ga. In 1881 he organized the private banking house of Hutchinson, Higgins & Company, of which he was President until 1886, when he withdrew from financial and business life and with his family made a most extensive tour of Europe. On his return from his first European tour he organized the Citizens' Bank and has been its President from the start. Today the Citizens' Bank ranks among the most solid and conservative financial institutions of the state. Mr. Hutchinson has long been a Democrat in his political affiliations, but is in no sense a radical. In 1876 he was elected Mayor of Michigan City and in 1878 was re-elected. In 1880 he was nominated and elected State Senator where he served four years with distinction.

Senator Hutchinson has always been deeply interested in the city of his adoption, and besides being its mayor for two terms was six years Chairman of the Police Commission. In 1898 Senator Hutchinson, with his wife and son, made an extended tour of the world, being absent one year. The party sailed from Vancouver in September, going direct to the Orient. The trip embraced visits to Japan, China, Singapore, Ceylon, India, through the Red Sea and Suez Canal to Cairo Egypt, where side trips were made to the Pyramids, Memphis and up the Nile, then a trip through the Holy Land to Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, to Syria and Asia Minor points, to Constantinople, Bulgaria, Servia, Austria, and Germany, thence to Paris, England, Denmark, Norway and Sweden and to Holland from which point the party returned. Senator Hutchinson has traveled many thousands of miles, and his interesting accounts of his wanderings are always of deepest interest to his friends. Senator and Mrs. Hutchinson are connoisseurs in art and virtu and their charming home is filled with rich paintings, rare tapestries, and every manner and style of bric-a-brac, picked up in different parts of the world.

VIEW ALONG TRAIL CREEK.

JARED H. ORR.

Jared H. Orr, United State Commissioner, was born in Salisbury, Connecticut, November 23, 1849. Mr. Orr comes of a family well known in New England, his father being James Orr, a prominent lawyer, and his mother, Miss Hannah L. Harrison. Mr. Orr received his education in the public schools of his native city and later attended the Salisbury Academy. He then went to the Oneida Seminary at Cazenovia, N. Y., where he graduated in 1866, At the conclusion of his school days Mr. Orr was for two years a clerk in a dry goods store at Brattleboro, Vermont. In September, 1868, he came to Michigan City, where he has since resided. After locating here Mr. Orr took up the study of law, reading with J. A. Thornton. After reading two years he was admitted to the bar—in 1870—and at once became a member of the firm of Thornton & Orr, which partnership continued until the death of Mr. Thornton in 1891, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession and the insurance and real estate business alone. Mr. Orr has been prominent in politics and is at present United States Commissioner at Michigan City. He has served several years as city attorney. He has been a director of the

First National Bank since its organization, and is a stock holder and director of the Tecumseh Facing Mills. He is a 32 degree mason and a member of all masonic bodies here, and is also a member of the Hermitage Club. He was married in June, 1874, to Miss Sarah F. Winship, of this city and resides in a handsome home at 802 Pine street.

GEORGE S. HERSHEY, D. D. S.

Dr. George S. Hershey is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born at West Salem, Ohio. He attended Otterbien College at Otterbien, Ohio, and took a full course in the Ohio Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated in the dental department receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In April, 1900, he came to Michigan City. Dr. Hershey is a finished musician and a clarinet soloist of reputation, having played with large bands and orchestras. His coming to Michigan City adds a valuable factor to the Ames Michigan City Band, in which he plays as clarinet soloist, as well as to the city he has chosen for adoption and permanent residence.

JOHN J. STEVENSON.

John J. Stevenson, president of the Michigan City Sash and Door Company, one of the leading enterprises of our city, is a resident of Oshkosh, Wis., where he is also secretary and treasurer of the Williamson & Libby Lumber Company, the oldest sash, door and blind manufacturing establishment in the northwest and one of the largest in the world. Mr. Stevenson is a native of the Empire State, having been born at Westport, N. Y., September, 10, 1857. Mr. Stevenson is a son of Thomas S. Stevenson, who was a native of London, England, and of Isabelle M. Williamson, who was born near Melrose Abbey, Scotland. Young Stevenson secured his education in the schools at Port Henry, New York, studying until he was 14 years of age. When but a young man he went west and has for many years been engaged in the lumber manufacturing business. For the past seven years he has been secretary and treasurer of the Williamson & Libby Lumber Company of Oshkosh, and about ten years ago succeeded Mr. A. R. Colborn as president of the Michigan City Sash and Door Company of this city. Mr. Stevenson is an able business man of the highest integrity and standing, and is interested in other enterprises and a member of leading

clubs in Oshkosh. In his frequent visits to our city he has made many warm friends.

ALBERT J. HENRY.

Albert J. Henry is a native of the Keystone state, having been born on a farm in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1856. In 1879 Mr. Henry left the scenes at home and went west. He secured a place with a lumber firm at White Cloud, Michigan, as inspector, and remain- there two years when he came to Michigan City and accepted a position as foreman for the lumber firm of Rawson & Root, which place he held three years. He next became foreman for Jonathan Boyce and eventually took full charge of the business, and conducted it until 1891, when he started in the lumber business for himself. He is now president of the Henry Lumber Company. Mr. Henry is widely known in the lumber trade and is one of our most advanced and progressive citizens. In 1892 he was elected sheriff of Laporte county on the Republican ticket despite the fact that the county is overwhelmingly Democratic. Mr. Henry was married January 20, 1889, to Miss Emma Frehse of this city. He is prominent in social life and is a 32d degree Mason.

DAVID NAPIER.

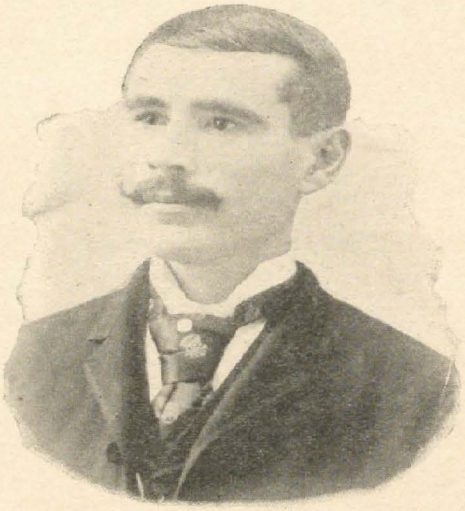
David Napier, is a native of Scotland, He was born in "Pennicuik," Edinburg, October 3, 1866, Young Napier attended the public schools and when he was fourteen years of age began learning the trade of the plumber and steam fitter. When 21 years of age he came to America. He landed in New York where he remained about two years where he traveled through the Empire State working in various cities, and in 1890 came to Michigan City, where he has since resided, with the exception of one year spent abroad. In 1892 he started in the plumbing, gas and steam fitting business under the firm name of D. Napier, his assistant being B. A. Ward. In 1896 Mr. Napier succeeded to the entire business which he has since conducted at 322 Franklin street.

HERMAN ZEESE.

Herman Zeese is a Michigan City boy and was brought up here. He attended the public and high schools here and received a good education. When he had completed his schooling he began active life as a clerk in a dry goods store, where he remained six years. He next went with M. Stern where he remained thirteen years, in the same

line. In 1896 Mr. Zeese started in business for himself. His store at 509 Franklin street is large and nicely fitted and the stock carried a complete one, and includes a full and carefully selected line of dry goods, fancy goods, notions, ladies' furnishing goods, curtains, carpets, etc, etc. Mr. Zeese enjoys a large trade and is a popular business man of high standing.

JOHN KINTZELE, JR.



John Kintzele, Jr., is a native of Germany and was born in Luxemborg in April, 1864. Young Kintzele was educated in the schools of Germany and France and when nineteen years of age moved to Reims, France, where he resided four years. In March, 1888, he came to America and to Michigan City, where he has since resided. He learned the trade of reed chair making. In 1894 he started in the general merchandise and chair making business at 1709-1711 Franklin street, where his store and factory is now located. Mr. Kintzele manufactures fancy rockers in reed, and make a specialty of the manufacture of handsome hand-made baby carriages and baby go-carts. He manufactures both for the wholesale and retail trade. In 1892 he was married to Miss Annie F. Beaver of Coolspring township.

DR. J. J. KERRIGAN.

Dr. J. J. Kerrigan was born in Brookline, Mass., a suburb of Boston, January 13, 1856. He early removed to Chicago where he was educated in the schools of that city. and the Christian Brothers' Academy and later attended the St. Ignatus College of Chicago. He graduated in 1879 from the Law Department of the Northwestern University. After deciding upon a professional life, he took a regular course in the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he graduated receiving his degree. After graduating he was successful in a competitive examination for house surgeon of the Alexian Brothers' Hospital Chicago, where he remained in 1894-1895. In April, 1896, he came to Michigan City and began the practice of medicine and surgery and he has built up a deservedly large and permanent practice. In 1885 he was married to Miss Mary C. Lardner, of Chicago. His office is at the Mullen Hospital, Fourth and Washington streets. Dr. Kerrigan is a gentleman not only skilled in his profession, but is as well a gentleman of most scholarly attainments who keeps in close touch with the best literature of modern times, and is the possessor of a magnificent private library.

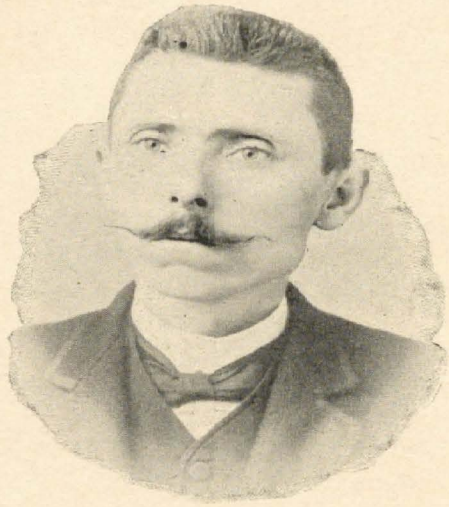
MISS P. RETSECK.

One of Michigan City's most popular and successful milliners is Miss P. Retseck, whose nicely appointed millinery establishment is located at 908 Franklin street. Miss Retseck is a native of Germany. She came to Michigan City when a child and was educated in St. Ambrose academy. Always endowed with a taste for the beautiful in art she learned the millinery trade and in 1887 started in business under the style of Retseck & Cassidy and continued four years, when in 1891, she established her present business. She occupies a nicely fitted store and carries a large line of pattern hats, trimmed and untrimmed hats, ribbons, silks, laces, ornaments, birds and feathers. Millinery is made to order on shortest notice and in the best manner. Miss Retseck is a lady of refined tastes and rare skill in the millinery art and has built up a deservedly large trade at 908 Franklin street.

J. A. JOHNSON.

J. Albert Johnson, agent of the American Express Company, was born in Sweden, July 2, 1862. He came to this city when a child with parents and attended the public schools and later the high school. He has been in the employ of the American Express Company for twenty-one years and six years ago he was made agent of the company here.

JOHN FELTEN.



John Felten, cigar manufacturer, is a native of Germany. He received his education in the schools of his native land and there he learned the cigar makers' trade. In 1874 Mr. Felten came to the United States, locating at Chicago, where he was engaged at his trade, until 1887, when he removed to Michigan City and began the manufacture of fine cigars, his factory being at 311 Franklin street. Mr. Felten makes a line of goods that is popular with the trade, among the favorite brands being "Rosebud." Among the leading brands of nickel cigars are "The Meteor" and "Lord Coke." Mr. Felten was married in 1883 to Miss Emma Teues, of Chicago.

ALEXANDER C. SCHWAGER.

Alexander C. Schwager, prominent and widely known in the business circles of our city, was born February 10, 1871, and educated in the public schools and at St. Ambrose Academy. When he had completed his education

he was for four years associated with his brother in the insurance and real estate business under the style of H. A. Schwager & Brother. Two years ago Mr. Schwager became proprietor of the leading buffet in the city, at 316 Franklin street. His place is beautifully fitted and decorated in modern style, the bar and fittings being in solid carved oak, with raised ornamentations in bas relief. As a caterer Mr. Schwager is widely known, and as a generous and public-spirited citizen of advanced ideas he is highly esteemed.

CHARLES E. BERGQUIST.

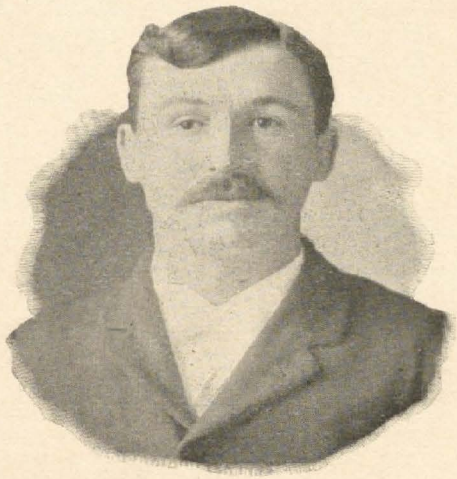
The retail grocery trade of our city is most ably cared for by enterprising business men, and one to whom we wish to call special attention is Charles E. Bergquist, 1702 Franklin street. Mr. Bergquist established his business six years ago and has built up a large and continuously increasing trade. His store is commodious and here is carried a complete and full stock of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Bergquist enjoys a trade with leading families in his section of the city. He is a business man of enterprise and high standing and enjoys the esteem of all.

AUGUST SCHNEIDER.

August Schneider, the well known contractor and builder of sidewalks, sewers and streets is a native of Germany. He was born in the City of Breslau, on the 25th day of October 1852 being the son of Amond Schneider and Mary (Nieman) Schneider. When young Schneider was but three years old his parents came to America, going to Chicago, where they lived one year, when the family removed to Blue Island, and in 1856 to Michigan City. Here Mr. Schneider attended the public schools until he was thirteen years of age. When he was fourteen years of age he was forman of a force engaged in loading and unloading vessels, and he remained in the longshoreman business a dozen years. He was foreman for Culbert Bros., grading railway work for two years, when he went into the contracting business for himself, building sewers and ditching. His first large contract was building the Romel ditch, three and one half miles long. For nearly seven years he was a member of the firm of Ohming, Snyder & Co., engaged in paving and contracting work. Among the paving done by Mr. Schneider is Ninth street to Tennessee, Chicago and State street to the Prison, Washington street, portions of Franklin street,

Sixth street, the brick pavement from the Cemetery road to the city limits on Franklin street, through Blair's Addition, and many others. Mr. Schneider built the west side sewer system, 6500 lineal feet, and also a number of culverts for the county. He is widely known in the contracting line. Mr. Schneider was married in 1872 to Miss Lena Pottratz, and resides in a pretty home at No. 407 East Boston street.

A. L. GREEN.



There is hardly a line of manufacture that is not ably represented here and a house to which we would call attention is that of Alfred L. Green, manufacturer of brooms and brushes, whose office and factory is located at 416 Michigan street. This business was established nine years ago by the present proprietor, who has built up a large and permanent trade. The premises occupied are suited to the business, and Mr. Green manufactures a high grade of brooms and whisks and brushes for the general trade. He uses the best grades of the Illinois central corn and does careful work. Mr. Green is a capable business man of high standing and his success is fully deserved.

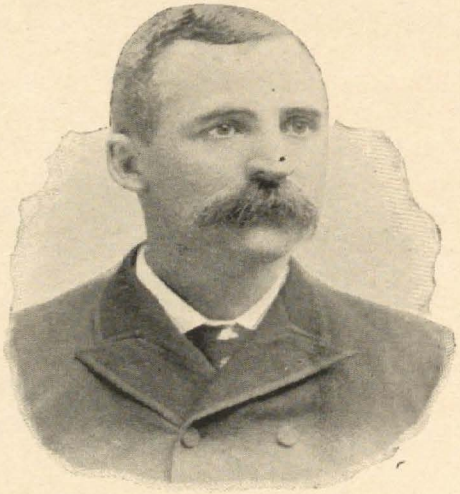
REV. JOHN BLECKMANN.

Rev. John Bleckmann is a native of the Buckeye state, and was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1846, and in the Catholic schools of the Queen City received his early education. At the age of sixteen young Bleckmann decided to enter the priesthood, and as a preliminary course entered St. Xavier's College at Cincinnati and after completing a classical course entered Notre Dame, where he graduated in 1867. He continued his theological studies and in 1870 graduated from St. Mary's Seminary and was ordained and received into holy orders. Father Bleckmann held a number of pastorates, and in 1885 was appointed pastor at St. Mary's in this city. Since Father Bleckmann took charge of the Parish he has labored most zealously and unselfishly. He has built a new parochial school and convent, the new building costing $20,000. Father Bleckmann has also made many other improvements in the Parish that fully demonstrates his indubitable energy. He has also organized many new church societies. Father Bleckmann is a man of rare intelligence and pleasing personality and his life has been one of great usefulness.

CHARLES PORTER.

Charles Porter, of the Haskell & Barker Car Company, is a native of Michigan City, having been born here September 12, 1854. He is the son of A. D. Porter and Electra (Wells) Porter. When a boy three years of age his father was elected treasurer of Laporte county and the family removed to Laporte, where the subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools. In 1871 Mr. Porter went to Chicago, where he was employed for eight years in a large wholesale house. May 15, 1879 he came to Michigan City and started in the employ of the Haskell & Barker Car Company as bookkeeper, and has been continuously with the company, in executive capacities, twenty-one years. At present he has entire charge of the hard wood lumber business of the company, one of the most important positions. Mr. Porter is and has been Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the city since its organization in 1892, and is a public spirited citizen. He was married June 13, 1877, to Miss Jennie Chamberlain of Chicago, and resides in a handsome home at the corner of Washington and West Boston street.

RICHARD H. MISENER.



Richard H. Misener, though but a man in the middle age of life, is one of the Michigan Central's old engineers who, like many others in the service, has been tried and not found wanting. Born near Niagara Falls in the province of Ontario, March 26, 1849, he received but the rudiments of an education and when but a boy left his farm home to work for others. He was ambitious to progress and when scarcely eighteen years of age he crossed the Canadian border and became a resident of Will County, Illinois, After two years' labor as a farm hand he entered the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad at Joliet as a fireman in 1871. Mr. Misener did his first running in 1875 and a year later was promoted to a full engineership, in which capacity he has since remained and for eighteen years has pulled passenger trains between Michigan City and Chicago. Mr. Misener has a wife and one son and resides at 320 Pine street.

CHRIST RODENBECK.

Mr. Christ Rodenbeck, the well known saloon keeper at 1101 Franklin street is a native of Germany. Mr. Rodenbeck was born July 3, 1862, and was the son of

Ludwig and Dorothy Rodenbeck. He attended school at Westphalia, Germany, until he was seventeen years of age when he came to America. He went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he lived two years and was in the saloon business. He then traveled to Louisville and Indianapolis and other points, and in 1883 came to Michigan City, where he was employed at the Haskell & Barker Car Works as a painter. Several years ago he engaged in the saloon business and recently built a handsome two-story building at the corner of Franklin and Eleventh street. Mr. Rodenbeck does a large business and has built up a fine trade. He was married in 1888 to Miss Matilda Volbert.

SCHARNBERG BROS.

A popular store is that of Scharnberg Bros., located at 505-507 West Boston street. This business was established as a retail grocery three years ago and April 1, 1900, M. and J. H. Scharnberg purchased the meat market adjoining and made the two stores one. The firm has two large and finely appointed stores and carries a full and complete stock of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, also all kinds fresh, salt and smoked meats, fish, oysters, poultry and game. The firm does a large business in that section of the city. Both gentlemen are business men of high standing and well known and deserve success. The firm is one that is entitled to the confidence and patronage of the best people in that it is thoroughly up to date and handles the best afforded by the world's markets at prices that are within the reach of all.

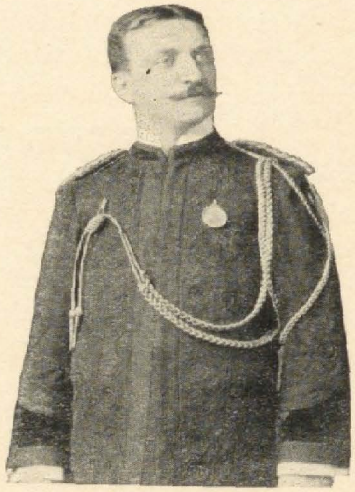
MANNING SCHARNBERG.

JOHN H. SCHARNBERG.

C. E. MEYER.

One of the popular and leading retail stores of our city is that of C. E. Meyer, dealer in gents' furnishings, hats and caps, cigars and tobacco, etc., 317 Franklin street. Mr. Meyer has been engaged in this line of business here for nearly a score of years, and has built up a trade here that stamps him as a leader in his line. The store is large and nicely fitted and here is carried a large and complete line of gents' furnishing goods, underwear, hats and caps, fancy shirts, hosiery, jewelry, etc, Mr. Meyer also does a large merchant tailoring business, and also deals in cigars and tobacco, carrying the finest line in the city, he being the distributor of the finest cigars in the country. Mr. Meyer is very highly respected in the city.

PROF. ALBERT COOK.



Prof. Albert Cook is a native of New York city, having been born in the metropolis on February 10, 1862. Prof. Cook received his education in the cities of New York and Boston, and in music he attended the Brimmer school of Boston, and the famous Boston Conservatory, and then spent two years at the Hoch Conservatory of Music, Frankfort-on-the-Main. He played with the famous Gilmore Band and other concert bands, Prof. Cook was the solo cornetist of the famous Elgin Band, and director of the Laporte Band. He came to Michigan City in 1892, since which time he has directed the Ames Michigan City Band. He is also Supervisor of Music in the public schools.

FRANK M. JONES.

Frank M. Jones, manager of the Michigan City Sash and Door Company, is a native of New York state, having been born at Jordan, Onondaga County, August 18, 1849. He was the son of James V. Jones and Emeline Jones. When but three years of age his mother died, and when he was but six years of age his father moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he engaged in the building and contracting business and later began the manufacture of sash, door and blinds. Young Jones was educated in the public and high schools at Oshkosh. In 1884 Mr. Jones' father closed up his business in Oshkosh and came to Michigan City, and established the same business here under the style of James V. Jones, the subject of this sketch being associated in the business. Upon the death of James V. Jones, in January, 1887, the Michigan City Sash and Door Company was organized, and Mr. Frank M. Jones became its manager and has since been at the head of the business. Mr Jones is a business man of rare executive ability, and has made the enterprise one of the leading ones here. He married Miss Anna M. Case of Oshkosh, Wis., and resides in a pretty home at No. 816 Pine street.

PINN & SONS.

A popular house here is that of Pinn & Sons, the old reliable bakers, in the Phoenix block, 515 Franklin street. The extensive business was established many years ago by Mr. Edward Pinn, and since 1888 has been conducted under the present style, Edward S. Pinn being a member of the firm. The premises occupied are large and nicely arranged and fitted specially for the business. The firm does a general business manufacturing the highest grades and finest bread of all kinds, biscuits, rolls,

EDWARD PINN.
WILLIAM PINN. ED. S. PINN.

cakes, pastries and all kinds of plain and fancy bakery goods. The firm deals in fine confectionery of all kinds, and carries a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and fruits, and does a very large business. The bakery department is in charge of Messrs. Edward and E. S. Pinn and Mr. W. Pinn directs the grocery business.

WILLIAM B. MANNY.

William B. Manny, local commercial agent of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railroad, was born at St. Joseph, Mich., August 3, 1862. Mr. Manny was the son of W. C. Manny and Mary (Bloom) Manny. Young Manny secured a primary education at the public schools in Waukegan, Illinois, and when ten years of age his parents removed to this city where he attended the public schools and high school, graduating from the latter in 1879. In 1880 Mr. Manny began his railway career as a clerk for the Monon. He remained in a clerical position but a year when he was promoted to cashier, which position he held until 1886. From 1887 to 1890 Mr. Manny was traveling auditor of the road, and in 1890 and 1891 was employed as traveling auditor of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. In August, 1891, Mr. Manny was appointed commercial agent of the Monon in this city, which position he has since held. He is a railroad man of ability and integrity and personally is popular with all. He was married in 1888 to Miss Olive K. Priest of this city, and resides at 217 East Sixth street.

ARTHUR R. T. ROESKE.

Arthur R. T. Roeske, one of Michigan City's popular and rising young business men, is a native of this city, having been born on the family homestead, south of the city, on New Year's day, January 1, 1877. He is the son of Christopher Roeske and Augusta (Meese) Roeske, a family long prominent and highly esteemed in our best circles. Young Roeske was educated in the public and high schools here, and took a thorough course in the Michigan City Business College to fit himself for practical and actual business life. At the end of his school days he began as bookkeeper for the firm of Roeske Bros., merchant millers and brick manufacturers, and has continued with the firm in various capacities. Mr. Roeske, though young, is endowed with keen business ability and capacity and is advanced and progressive in his methods, and gives every promise of future business success.

MISS ANN E. SANBORN.

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Miss Ann E. Sanborn is a New England woman and was born at Stratford in the Granite state, the daughter of Reuben Sanborn and Hannah (Evans) Sanborn. Miss Sanborn attended school at Salisbury, N. H., and later the Salisbury Seminary, where she received a good education. When but a girl her father died in Boston. Her mother died while living in Newmarket, N, H. In 1853 Mr. and Mrs. Culver came to Michigan City and with them Miss Sanborn who took up her residence here and has since remained, with the exception of frequent visits to friends in the east. Upon the death of her parents Miss Sanborn inherited several thousand dollars, and in 1857 bought 160 acres south of the city and also other property. In 1855 she joined the Congregational church. Miss Sanborn has always been deeply interested in church work and church extension, and has given thousands of dollars in the furtherance of the church cause. About ten years ago she built a church on her property and completely furnished it, the church being known as the Sanborn Mission—a Swedish church. She also helped build a Lutheran church here, and has helped all of the churches in the city. She gave the Congregational church its beautiful pipe organ costing $2,000, and gave to the Methodist church a house and lot on Franklin street worth equally as much. The Sanborn Mission cost nearly $1,500. She has also donated for emigrant churches in the far west and for missions in all parts of the world. Miss Sanborn is always doing for the helpless and unfortunate and her charities are constant and unremitting. She gives unostentatiously and liberally, and is a lady of most lovable and kindly disposition.

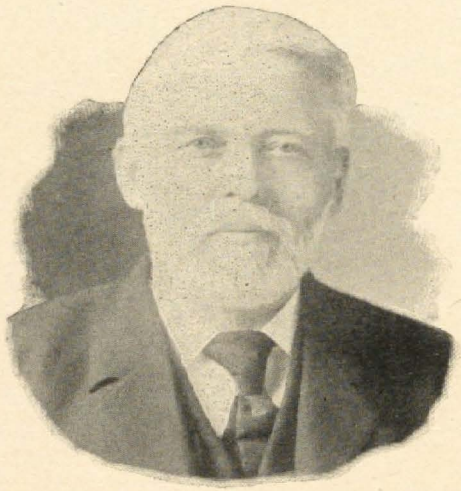
REUBEN SANBORN.

Almost two centuries ago there came to New Hampshire from England, Lieutenant John Sanborn, who came of a family known in English history since the days of Cromwell. Lieutenant Sanborn settled in Hampton, N. H., where he bore a large family, his second son being Abraham Sanborn, the father of Reuben Sanborn and grandfather of Miss Ann Sanborn. Lieutenant Sanborn died before the war of the Revolution, and Abraham Sanborn was born at Sandown, N. H., June 29, 1759. He early in life settled at Salisbury, N. H., where he was twice married. Abraham Sanborn was a large land owner and accumulated a large property. His oldest son was Reuben Sanborn, father of Miss Ann Sanborn. Reuben Sanborn was born at Salisbury, Sept. 7, 1784 and served as a colonel in the war of 1812. He was married to Miss Hannah Evans, the daughter of Abram Evans of Stratford, N. H., a family prominent in early history. She was one of the most lovable and devoted of women, and was widely known for her charity and generousness. The Sanborn family holds a high place in history and to follow its illustrious name in concise genealogy would take many pages.

FINLEY C. CARSON.

Finley C. Carson, who has for many years been with the firm of A. R. Colborn & Co., was born in White County. He is a son of John Carson and Elizabeth (Barnes) Carson. His father was a successful farmer and young Carson attended the public schools and lived on the old homestead. Mr. Carson completed his education at the Academy at Burnettsville Indiana. After completing his education he taught school for two years and then took up railroading. He was five years with the Monon as telegraph operator and clerk, and came to this city in that company's employ in 1886. He left this line and went with the Lake Erie & Western, where he remained two years, when he resigned to accept a clerical position with the firm of A. R. Colborn & Co., lumber dealers in which place he now is. Mr. Carson is a gentleman of business sagacity and integrity, and is a thoroughly public spirited citizen. He was married in 1887 to Miss Jennie Hutchison, and resides in a handsome home at 907 Washington street.

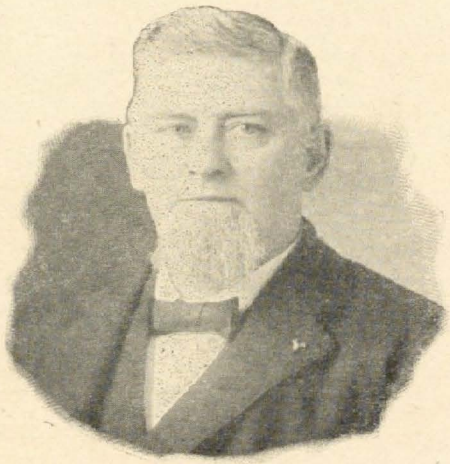
H. C. WILLIAMSON.



Henry C. Williamson, the mechanical superintendent of the Haskell & Barker Car Company, was born at Kiel, Denmark. July 12, 1836. Mr. Williamson attended the schools of his native land until he was thirteen years of age when he emigrated to America and settled in Cincinnati, O., where he attended school, and where he learned the trade of a machinist. About 1860 Mr. Williamson removed to Columbus, Indiana, where he

resided until 1868 when he came to Michigan City, and was for two years employed as a machinist in the shops of the Michigan Central. In 1870 he entered the employ of the Haskell & Barker Car company, and has for many years been the mechanical superintendent. Mr. Williamson is an expert in his line and gives skilled attention to every detail of car construction.

LYMAN B. ASHTON.



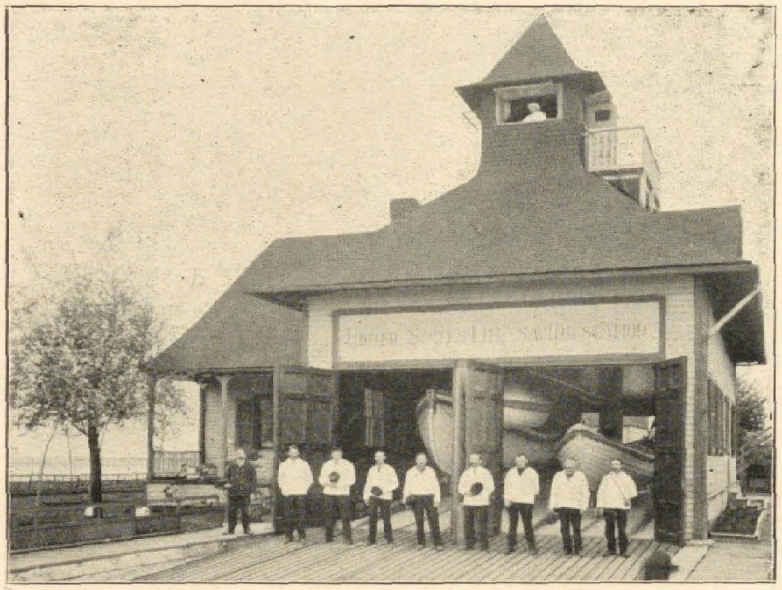
In the retail grocery trade the house of Lyman B. Ashton at the corner of Franklin and 2nd streets is a landmark. The business was established in 1864 by Schoeneman & Ashton and continued under the style a number of years, when Mr. Schoenemann retired, since which time Mr. Ashton has conducted it alone. The premises occupied are large and specially fitted and the stock large and complete comprising everything in the wholesale and retail grocery trade. Mr. Ashton also makes a specialty of outfitting vessels that make this port. He is a careful business man of prominence who has won success by fully deserving it. He has always been foremost in using his influence in the advancement of the city in every legitimate way and is a member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

F. C. SCHROEDER.

Frederick C. Schroeder, was born in Waren, Mecklinburg, Germany. He is the son of John Schroeder and Ricka (Boeckmann) Schroeder, and first saw the light of day, July 3, 1870. When but three years of age his parents removed to America, coming directly to Michigan City. In the public and high schools here young Schroeder was educated. When he had finished his schooling he learned cigar making. In 1892 he started in business for himself. His factory at 420½ Franklin street is fitted specially for the business and here is manufactured a line of fine hand made cigars at popular prices. Mr. Schroeder makes a specialty of two excellent brands of ten cent cigars, which are popularily known under the brands of "Three Victors" and "El Tierra." These goods are strictly high class, clear Havana hand made cigars, made of choice selected tobaccos, of elegant flavor and bouquet. Among the brands of nickel cigars made are "Home Comfort," "Regalia Vuelta," "Mother of Pearl" and "Cuban Leaf." Mr. Schroeder caters to the local trade and popular taste and has won success by fully deserving it, and his business is constantly increasing under his able and careful management and direction.

ALLEN A. KENT.

Allen A. Kent, Captain of the United States Life Savings Station at Michigan City, was born at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, November 8, 1860. When but six years of age his father removed to Muskegon, Michigan, where he was educated in the Union school, and where he made his home until three years ago. When young Kent had completed his schooling he took up sailing, and was on many vessels on the lakes. In 1882-3 he was signal quartermaster on the United States Revenue Cutter Andrew Johnson, and when he was discharged he received a Captain's license to sail freight and towing steamers. In 1884 Mr. Kent entered the United States Life Savings service at Muskegon as a surfman, serving in that capacity three years, when he was promoted to No. 1, where he remained ten years, or until 1897 when he was made Captain of the United States Life Saving Station in this city. Mr. Kent is fearless in the discharge of his duties, and has brought the service here to the highest efficiency. In his sixteen years of service he has been at 48 wrecks, and he has assisted in the saving of many persons from death. Mr. Kent was married in 1885 to Miss Martha Weaver of Muskegon.

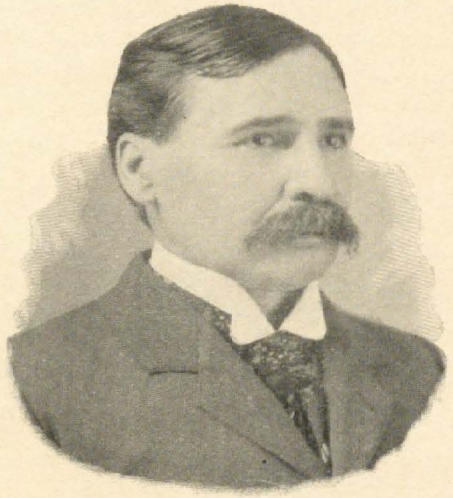


UNITED STATES LIFE SAVING STATION.

WM. G. HARTKE.

One of the leading undertakers here is William G. Hartke, whose office and parlors are at his residence, 209 West Ninth street. Mr. Hartke is specially equipped for this line of business and has made it a special study in all its branches. He does embalming in the most scientific manner and prepares bodies for burial or shipment to distant points, and takes entire charge of house or church funerals, furnishing flowers, carriages and hearse when desired.

R. D. COUCH.



R. D. Couch, general agent of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, whose seventeen years business record among us has made him one of the best known men in our city, is a native of the Hoosier state, having been born in Wayne County, Indiana, February, 20, 1852. Mr. Couch was born on a farm and attended the district school. He studied telegraphy and was made operator on the old Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railroad, now the Lake Erie & Western system, and opened the first office at Arcadia in 1871. Here he remained a year when he went to the shops at Peru, as operator and assistant time keeper. From 1872 to 1875 he was operator and clerk at Noblesville. From 1875 until 1883 he was agent at Arcadia, Kokomo, Rochester, and Stoupsville. In 1883 Mr. Couch came to Michigan City as agent of the Lake Erie & Western and during the lease of that line by the Wabash was Commercial agent. He was next promoted to general agent, which position he now holds. He was m arried in 1874 to Miss Fannie C. Smith, of Noblesville, and resides in a handsome home at the corner of Spring and Seventh.

MRS. FANNIE C. COUCH.

Mrs. Fannie Chilton Couch, wife of R.D.Couch, general agent of the Lake Erie & Western Railway, is a native of West Virginia, and is the daughter of Jacob and Mary M. Smith. When but a child her parents removed to Noblesville, Indiana, and here Mrs. Couch was reared and educated. In 1874 she was married to Mr. Couch and came with him to this city, eighteen years ago. Many years ago, with her husband, she joined the Methodist Episcopal church and has always been prominent in the work of the Ladies Aid Society, of which she is a member. Mrs. Couch is also a member of the Ben Hur Society.

OTTO A. KLOEPFER.

One of the retail drug stores here is that of Otto A. Kloepfer, 408 Franklin street. This business was established years ago by the present proprietor. The stock carried is large and includes a fine and complete line of all kinds of drugs, and a specialty is made of prescription work. Mr. Kloepfer is an old and respected resident of Michigan City, and a business man who stands high in his profession.

DR. WHITEFIELD BOWERS.

Dr. Whitefield Bowers is a native of New Castle, Indiana. where he was born in 1871. Dr. Bowers attended the public schools of his native city and graduated at the high school. He attended the De Pauw University at Greencastle, Ind., where he graduated in 1895, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He took a special course at Purdue University at Lafayette, and then attended the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis. In the spring of 1897 he graduated from the Marion Sims Medical College at St. Louis. For one year Dr. Bowers was connected with Bobb's Free Dispensary at Indianapolis, and in 1898 was on the medical corps of the National Convention of the Knights of Pythias, and also of the League of American Wheelmen at the National meet held in Indianapolis. Dr. Bowers came to Michigan City in 1899, and has already built up a good practice in the regular school of medicine. He was married Jan. 1, 1900, to Miss Suzette Bundy of Laporte, formerly of New Castle, Indiana. Mrs. Bowers is a young lady of rare mental and physical graces and is highly accomplished in the art of music.

JOHN BLUE.

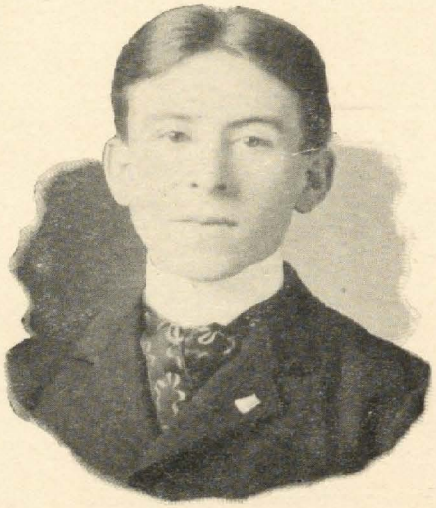
John Blue, the prominent merchant tailor at 527 Franklin street, was born on a farm in Laporte County, midway between Michigan City and Laporte. He attended the Redding district school in the winter and worked on the farm, receiving such an education as did country boys of a half century back. Mr. Blue remained on the old homestead until 1861, when he came to Michigan City and began clerking in the clothing store of F. Knibbe, where he remained fourteen years when he accepted a like position with C. O. Deming. After seven years—in 1882—he bought out Mr. Deming and has since successfully conducted the business alone. Mr. Blue is a man of rare business qualifications and high standing and is counted a thoroughly public-spirited citizen. He was married in 1867 to Miss Sarah A. Nodine, of Michigan.

W. L. RAWLINGS.

A prominent house in the coal trade is that of W. L. Rawlings, whose office is located at 303 Franklin street, and whose railway yards are at the foot of Franklin street. This business was established twenty years ago by the present proprietor. Mr. Rawlings' facilities are

such that he can supply all demands from manufacturer or resident at the lowest prices and in a prompt and satisfactory manner. He handles the best grades of hard coal and in the line of soft coal handles the world-famed Pocahontas coal from the West Virginia field. Among others is the Indiana Block coal and the widely-known Hocking, Massillon and Jackson Hill coal, from the Ohio collieries.

FRANK C. COLTON.



Frank C. Colton, proprietor of the barber shop at 911 Franklin street, was born at Syracuse, N. Y., May 4, 1871. Young Colton received his education in the public schools of his native city, and was employed for a year by the Western Union Telegraph company in Syracuse. He next served his apprenticeship and learned the barbers' trade, acquiring a proficiency that has given him employment in many of the best shops in the country. Leaving Syracuse Mr. Colton went to New York City, then to Schenectady, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Bradford, Pa., and other cities, and then went to South Bend, Ind., where he worked in the old and new Oliver House shops. January 15, 1900, Mr. Colton came to Michigan City and bought his present shop, and here has built up a large and permanent trade, and won hosts of friends. Mr. Colton was married in 1897 to Miss Anna Pritz, of South Bend, Ind. Mrs. Colton is an expert hair dresser and learned her trade under Mme. De Carter, and was for a time at the Oliver House, South Bend.

DR. DANIEL H. DAVIS.

One of the most recent acquisitions in the dental field here is Dr. Daniel H. Davis, whose office and parlors are located at 415 Franklin street. Dr. Davis was born in Mt. Morris, Livingston County, N. Y., in 1847. When Dr. Davis was but three years of age his parents moved to Clinton, Lenawee Co., Michigan, where he attended the public and high schools. Upon the completion of his scholastic days he engaged in the tinsmith trade which he gave up to find employment in a woolen mill. In 1891 Mr. Davis began the study of the dental profession, and in 1894 graduated from the American College, now the Northwestern University Dental College at Chicago, and returned to Clinton, Mich., where he practiced his profession until 1899, when he removed to this city.

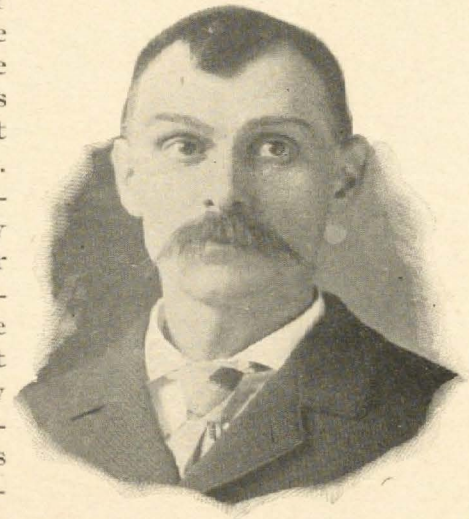
CHARLES HOEPPNER.

The retail business interests of our city are in able hands and we wish to call special attention to the business of Mr. Charles Hoeppner, dealer in boots and shoes, at No. 509 West Boston street. This business was established by Mr. Hoeppner four years ago. The store is nicely fitted and the stock carried is a well selected one and includes all kinds of boots and shoes for men and women, misses, boys and children. A specialty is made of good wearing school shoes for boys and girls. Mr. Hoeppner is enabled to sell good shoes at low prices and guarantee them. He enjoys a nice trade among the residents of his section of the city, and is a careful business man of high standing who has won success by deserving it.

M'NULTY BROS.

A leading livery and sale stable here is that of McNulty Bros., 114 East Fourth street. This stable was established about a third of a century ago by Mr. Patrick McNulty, who conducted it up to the time of his death in March, 1897, when he was succeeded by his sons, Thomas and Edward, the present proprietors. The stables are large, light, sanitary and well fitted and appointed, with carriage and harness houses and offices. The firm owns a number of fine driving, carriage and hack horses, and a full line of carriages, buggies, traps and hacks, which are let by the hour or day for all uses. Private horses are boarded and groomed at reasonable terms, and horses bought and sold. The firm does a large drayage business for leading mercantile and manufacturing establishments here. Both are natives of Michigan City.

GEORGE WEILER.



A leading and popular house in the shoe trade here is that of George Weiler, whose store is conveniently located at 913 Franklin street. This business was established ten years ago by the present proprietor who has built up a permanent business and one that reflects the highest credit upon his ability and enterprise. Mr. Weiler handles the products of the leading manufacturers and makes careful and seasonable selections of goods that are specially suited for his trade. He also does repairing in the very best manner.

RT. REV. JOHN HAZEN WHITE,
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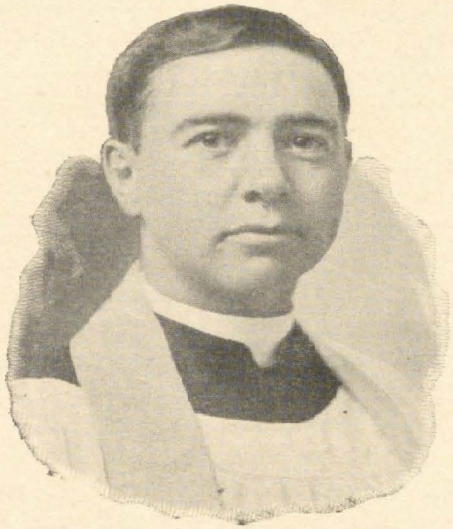
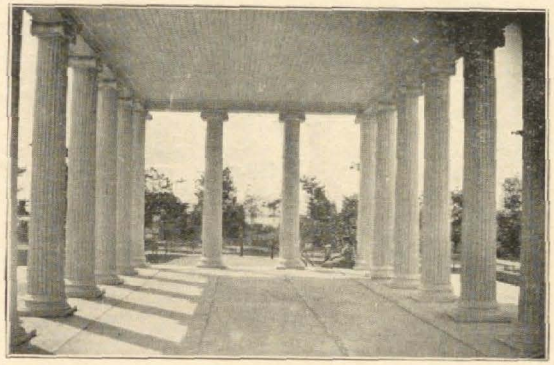
Rt. Rev. John Hazen White, D. D., Bishop of Indiana, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 10, 1849. Here he attended the public schools, and in 1866, graduated from the Woodward High School, and engaged with a large wholesale house. After three years of active business he entered the field of theology. In 1869 he went to Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, where he graduated in 1872 with the degree of B. A. His religious study began with his entrance at the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, Conn., under Bishop John Williams where he graduated and was ordained Deacon June 4, 1875. Before his graduation he had assisted Dr. Giles De Shon, Rector of St. Andrews, Meriden, Conn., and after his ordination was elected assistant to Dr. De Shon, and remained there for two years. On Easter day, 1877, Bishop White was elected Vice Rector, and Professor of Latin, at St. Margarets' School for Girls at Waterbury, Ct., under Dr. Francis T. Russell. He had been there scarce a month when he was elected Assistant Minister at St. John's Church, where he remained one year and resigned and became Rector of Grace Church at Old Saybrook, Ct. This was in 1879, and in the same year he was married to Mary Louise Holbrook of Detroit. Christ's church at Joliet, Ill., was in need of a rector, and there Bishop White was sent and remained nine years. He was next appointed rector of the church of St. John the Evangelist at St. Paul, Minn., where he staid two and one half years. The bishops of Minnesota elected Dr. White as warden of the Seabury Divinity School at Faribault, Minn., where he remained four years. February 6, 1895 Dr. White was elected Bishop of Indiana, to succeed Bishop Knickerbocker, who

died December 31, 1894. He was consecrated in St. Paul's Church, Indianapolis, May 1, 1897. From 1897 until 1899 he lived at Indianapolis and was bishop of the entire state. The work became so arduous that he divided the state, the southern half, known as the Indiana diocese, being put in charge of Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Francis, D. D. Bishop White selected the northern half, giving it the title of the Michigan City diocese, and moved to this city taking charge of Trinity Cathedral.

REV. WALTER S. HOWARD.



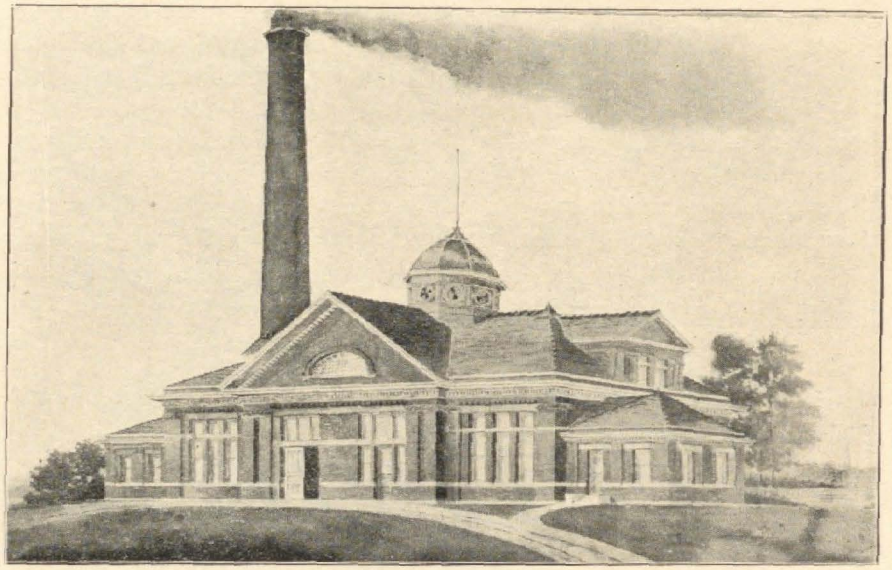
Rev. Walter S. Howard, dean of the Cathedral, was born at Port Huron, Mich., November 11, 1866. He is the son of James Howard, a successful merchant, and Juliet (Petit) Howard. Dean Howard received his education in the public schools of his native city, and in 1886 entered Colgate Academy, at Hamilton, N. Y., to prepare for college, graduating in 1887. He then entered the University of Rochester at Rochester, N. Y., where he graduated in 1891, with honors and the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was president of the local chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity and was a leader in building its handsome club house. Concluding his college studies he returned to Detroit, and accepted the pastorate of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, where he remained two and one half years. He gave up his pastorate to enter the Divinity School of the University of Chicago which he did in 1893, and where he studied over one year. He then entered the Western Theological Seminary, the Theological school of the Episcopal church, where he graduated in 1896. He was ordained to the Diaconate in November, 1895, by Bishop McLaren of Chicago, and made a priest February 1897, and also rector of the church of the Atonement at Chicago. After a year he resigned to enter the work of the Associated Missions at Omaha, where he remained three years. At the expiration of half of his term he was made head of the Associated Missions, having charge of the eleven missions in and about Omaha. In 1899 he resigned this work and accepted the position of Dean of the Cathedral, Michigan City, Ind.



IN THE PARK.

DR. J. F. HIXON.

Holding a deservedly high place in the dental profession here is Dr. J. F. Hixon, 527½ Franklin street. Dr. Hixon is a native Indianian, having been born at Westville, June 17, 1870, and is the son of Alvin Hixon and Mary (Williams) Hixon. He attended the public and high school, after which he took a course at the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, where he graduated with honors in 1888. He taught school for a year, during which time he decided to take up the profession of dentistry. He attended the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, entering in 1890, and graduating in 1892 with the degree of D. D. S. He then took up the practice of his profession at Westville, where he remained less than two years and in 1893 came to Michigan City, where he has since resided and built up a highly gratifying practice. In 1894 he was married to Miss Ella A. Herrold, of Westville, and two beautiful girls—Marie and Lucile—have been born to the union. Dr. Hixon is a young man of high attainments and is popular both as a practitioner and citizen. He has built up a large and permanent practice.



THE NEW WATERWORKS.

OTTO AICHER.

We wish to call attention to Otto Aicher, the popular furniture dealer whose store is located at 230-232 Franklin street, corner of Michigan street. This business represents a growth and prestige that reflects the highest credit upon the ability of Mr. Aicher and proves beyond question that energetic methods are bound to win success. The premises occupied are a large store handsomely fitted and equipped. The stock carried is a comprehensive one and includes all kinds of fine parlor furniture, dining room, library, and kitchen furniture, chamber sets, chiffoniers, odd pieces, wicker and leather chairs, desks, office

furniture, baby carriages, etc. These goods are the products of leading manufacturers and are made and finished in the very best manner. Mr. Aicher has a fine line from which to make selections and also carries a large variety of brass, iron and enameled beds. Mr. Aicher is a business man of the highest standing and ability and has won success by application to business and honorable methods, and is counted one of our public spirited and liberal citizens.

E. M. ALEXANDER.

There is no more important business enterprise in any city than that of a well and ably conducted laundry and in the Michigan City Hand Laundry, 212 Franklin street, we have a laundry that compares favorably with that of any city of its size in the state. The Michigan City Hand Laundry is under the personal supervision of E. M. Alexander, the sole proprietor, who gives his entire attention to the work and sees that nothing goes out that is not absolutely perfect in finish and workmanship. All work is hand work and garments are not torn by machinery and rendered useless as is too often the case with steam laundries. The greatest care is taken in handling all work and only the most expert hands employed, Free delivery service is maintained and goods called for and promptly delivered.

JOHN RENKAWITZ.

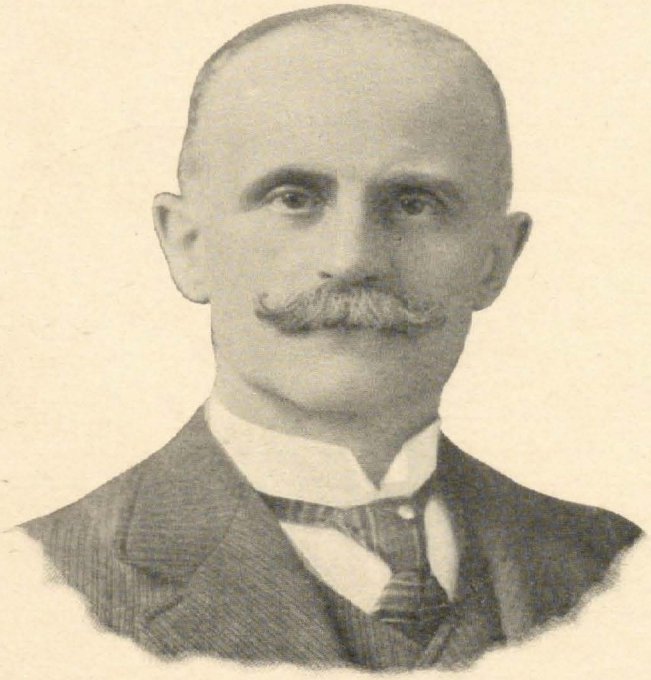
John Renkawitz, the former popular city engineer and well known architect and building superintendent, is a native of Germany. He came to Michigan City in 1867 after having years of experience in architecture and civil engineering in his native land. He has always been engaged in Architecture, and has made the plans for many residences, churches and buildings here. Mr. Renkawitz designed the German Catholic Church here and superintended its building. In 1877 he was appointed city engineer and harbor master and held these positions twenty years, during which he put up bridges, laid out streets, designed harbor improvements, and added to the prosperity and growth of the city. Mr. Renkawitz has always been prominent as a public spirited citizen. He is a man who has always been deeply interested in the advancement and progress of our pretty city, and has always done his part. He resides with his family at 128 East Boston street.

DR. FRANK WARREN.

Dr. Frank R. Warren, is a native Indianian and the son of a pioneer Laporte County practitioner, and was born at Otis, Laporte County. His father, Dr. C. A. Warren, is a native of the Empire state and came to this county many years ago, and for a quarter of a century has been eminent in medicine and surgery and in constant practice at Otis. Dr. Frank R. Warren attended the schools of his native town. He went to Chicago where he took a full course at the high school, and then entered Rush Medical College, where he completed a four years course in 1896, graduating with high honors and a degree. He then took a post graduate course at the Chicago Chemical School, attended lectures and clinics at various hospitals. In June, 1896, he returned to his native town and began the successful practice of his profession and here he continued until March, 1900, when he returned to Chicago. In May he came to Michigan City and opened his handsomely appointed offices at the corner of Pine and Seventh streets. Dr. Warren is a close student and believes that constant study is necessary to keep in the van of progress in the healing art, and is in touch with the most modern ideas of the most up-to-date practitioners. He is a member of the Indiana Medical Society and the Laporte Medical Society. He was married in November, 1896, to Miss Frank Davis, also of Laporte County.

FRANK H. WILLSON.

Frank H. Willson, teller of the Citizens' Bank, was born at Marshall, Michigan, December 25, 1861. When but eight years of age his parents removed to Michigan City, and here young Willson attended the public and high schools. In 1882 he went to Chicago where he was engaged as bookkeeper for the Ford River Lumber company. In 1884 he was connected with the Bradstreet Commercial agency at St. Paul, Minn. He returned to Michigan City where he was connected with various enterprises until 1889 when he entered the Citizens' Bank as bookkeeper, and has since been promoted to teller. Mr. Willson thoroughly understands the banking business and is popular with all. He was married in November, 1892, to Miss Cecelia Bowen, of Laporte, and resides at 717 Washington street.



CHARLES J. ROBB.

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Charles J. Robb, editor and associate owner of the Michigan City EVENING NEWS, was born at Montezuma, Iowa, January 21, 1856, and is the son of Joseph Robb, a well-known merchant of Iowa, and Elizabeth Jane (McAllister) Robb. Mr. Robb attended the schools of his native town and when nearly eight years of age lost his mother. Soon after her death he removed to Indianapolis, Iowa, and later to Oskaloosa, where young Robb attended the public schools and also the Oskaloosa College. A large part of Mr. Robb's boyhood days were spent at Albia, Iowa, where he lived until he was eighteen years old, when he went to Mishawaka, Indiana, and finished the printers' trade. His first reportorial experience was at Keokuk, Iowa, where he did market and special assignments upon "The Gate City," one of the well-known Mississippi Valley papers. Here young Robb developed that trait, which Mark Twain so aptly describes as a "nose for news"—a faculty inherent in the successful newspaper man of the modern school. Mr. Robb next came to Michigan City as a reporter and office man on The Enterprise, of which THE EVENING NEWS is the successor. When the Every-Day Enterprise was established he became city editor, which position he resigned to accept a like one on the Sandusky Local at Sandusky, Ohio. Here Mr. Robb remained several years when he went to Flint, Mich., as reporter and advertising manager of the Flint Journal. In September, 1887, he went to Chicago where he directed the publication of the Trade Journal and Price Current for the wholesale grocery house of Reid, Murdoch & Fischer. In 1888 he was solicited by a number of prominent citizens here to return to Michigan

City and assume the ownership and editorial direction of THE EVENING NEWS, then owned by the Republican Printing Co. In March, 1888, with Mr. Ira S. Carpenter, ununder the firm name of Robb & Carpenter, he returned and has since directed its successful policy. Always a republican Mr. Robb has been active in matters political and worked hard for party interests and success. He has been chairman of the Republican City Organization for the past four years. Mr. Robb is a facile writer and graceful expressionist, who keeps in closest touch with current events and political movements, both local and national. His editorial utterances are forceful and his pen, often trenchant, expresses honest conviction. Mr. Robb was appointed Collector of Customs here under the Harrison administration, and reappointed by President McKinley, being the present incumbent in the office of customs of this port. He is prominent in social life being a member of the Odd Fellows, the Encampment, Knights of Pythias and of the National Union. He was married in 1890 to Miss Josephine R. Webber, of Williamston, Mich., and with his wife and only child, Ruth M. Robb, reside in his comfortable home, at 631 Spring street.

AUGUST WILKE.

A leading baker here is August Wilke, whose bakery and store is located at 207 West Green street. Mr. Wilke has been engaged in this trade a number of years. His bakery is a model of cleanliness and here he makes the best grades of all kinds of bakery products. He also does a general grocery business and carries a fine line of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Wilke supplies leading grocers and families with his bakery products and does a large business. He is prominent in business circles and highly respected as a public-spirited citizen.

MINARD A. SCHUTT, D. D. S.

Michigan City's leading dentist, is M. A. Schutt, the old-established and popular dentist and dental surgeon, whose parlors are conveniently located at 432 Franklin street. Dr. Schutt established himself in the profession about eighteen years ago and in that time has won an enviable reputation as an able and skilled dentist. He gives special and devoted attention to the preservation of the teeth and to the care of the mouth and gums. Dr Schutt's office is nicely fitted and equipped with all of the latest modern improvements and appliances known to science for the care and making of teeth. He does the highest class of work in all branches of dental science and makes a specialty of bridge and crown work. Dr. Schutt is a native of this state and a gentleman of high attainments in his profession. He has always been interested in politics and active, and is Deputy State Oil Inspector for this district. He is a thoroughly public spirited citizen who is ever ready to assist in public enterprises.

IRA S. CARPENTER.

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Ira S. Carpenter, associate owner of the EVENING NEWS with Charles J. Robb, is a native of the Empire State, having been born at Camden, New York, August 16, 1837, the son of A. and Sarah Carpenter. When but a child his parents removed to Vernon, a pretty village in Central New York, where he was educated in the public schools and Vernon Academy. Here he lived until he was eighteen years of age and here he learned the printer's trade in the office of the Vernon Transcript. Mr. Carpenter went west to Ann Arbor, Mich., and was employed on the Ann Arbor Argus, two years, going from there to Constantine, Michigan, where he worked two years on the Mercury. In 1862 he enlisted in the 19th Michigan Infantry, and his regiment went to Tennessee in General Granger's Army Corps. After a years's service with the regiment Mr. Carpenter was put on detached service, and was detailed by General W. T. Sherman in the government printing office at Nashville, Tenn., where he remained until the close of the hostilities and was mustered out of service in 1865. He went to Toledo, O., and was employed several months in the office of the Toledo Blade and on Christmas, 1865, he took the foremanship of the Laporte Herald. He next went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was in the employ of the Des Moines Register for three years. Mr. Carpenter then bought "The Spirit of the West" at Albia, Iowa, which paper he conducted three years. After selling his interest here he went to Mishawaka, Indiana, where he bought an interest in the Mishawaka Enterprise, and remained there seven years. He next went to Lincoln, Neb., in charge of the Evening News, and in 1883 went to Chicago, where he was employed in leading job print-

ing houses. In March, 1888, with Mr. Charles J. Robb, under the style of Robb & Carpenter, he purchased the EVENING NEWS here. Mr. Carpenter is one of the most expert and tasteful job printers in the state, and has a thorough knowledge of every detail of the mechanical work of the art of printing. He joined the Masons in 1862 and is now a member of Acme Lodge, No. 83 and Michigan City Chapter, No. 25. He was married July 3, 1862, to Miss Lucy A. Clark, a native of Mexico, Oswego County N. Y., and has two children, Mrs. F. L. Middleton, of Chicago, and Mrs. H. L. Schutt, of Buffalo, N. Y.

H. R. MISENER.

H. R. Misener, city editor of THE NEWS, is purely a Michigan City product, born Sep. 13, 1877, he attended the public schools and graduated with the class of '95, from the High School. In February, 1896, Mr. Misener began his journalistic career with Messrs. Robb & Carpenter and has been connected with THE NEWS since that time. He is a pushing, energetic and consistent writer of news, and his work on THE NEWS bespeaks for him a promising journalistic career.

J. E. SHULTZ.

Michigan City can boast of a popular priced hotel that will rank with any in this section, and we make reference to Shultz's Hotel and Restaurant, 213 Franklin street. J. E. Shultz the proprietor of this admirable hotel has had many year's experience in catering to the general public in this line and gives the best, and most cleanly and quick service in the city. The hotel is most conveniently located and has thirty rooms, all well furnished, lighted and ventilated. The dining room is large and fitted for regular or short service with a lunch counter. The hotel is popular with the traveling, excursion and theatrical public, and is open night and day. Mr. Shultz is an old resident of Michigan City, and is a gentleman whose geniality has won him deserved business success.

RETSECK BROS.

In this review we wish to call special attention to the popular grocery house of Retseck Bros., 601 West Boston street, corner of Elston street. This business was established in the 80s by the present proprietors, Robert Retseck and August Retseck. The premises occupied are

large and the stock carried embraces a fine and complete line of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, etc. The firm enjoys a large family trade among the best people in the city.

MAURICE LEVINE.

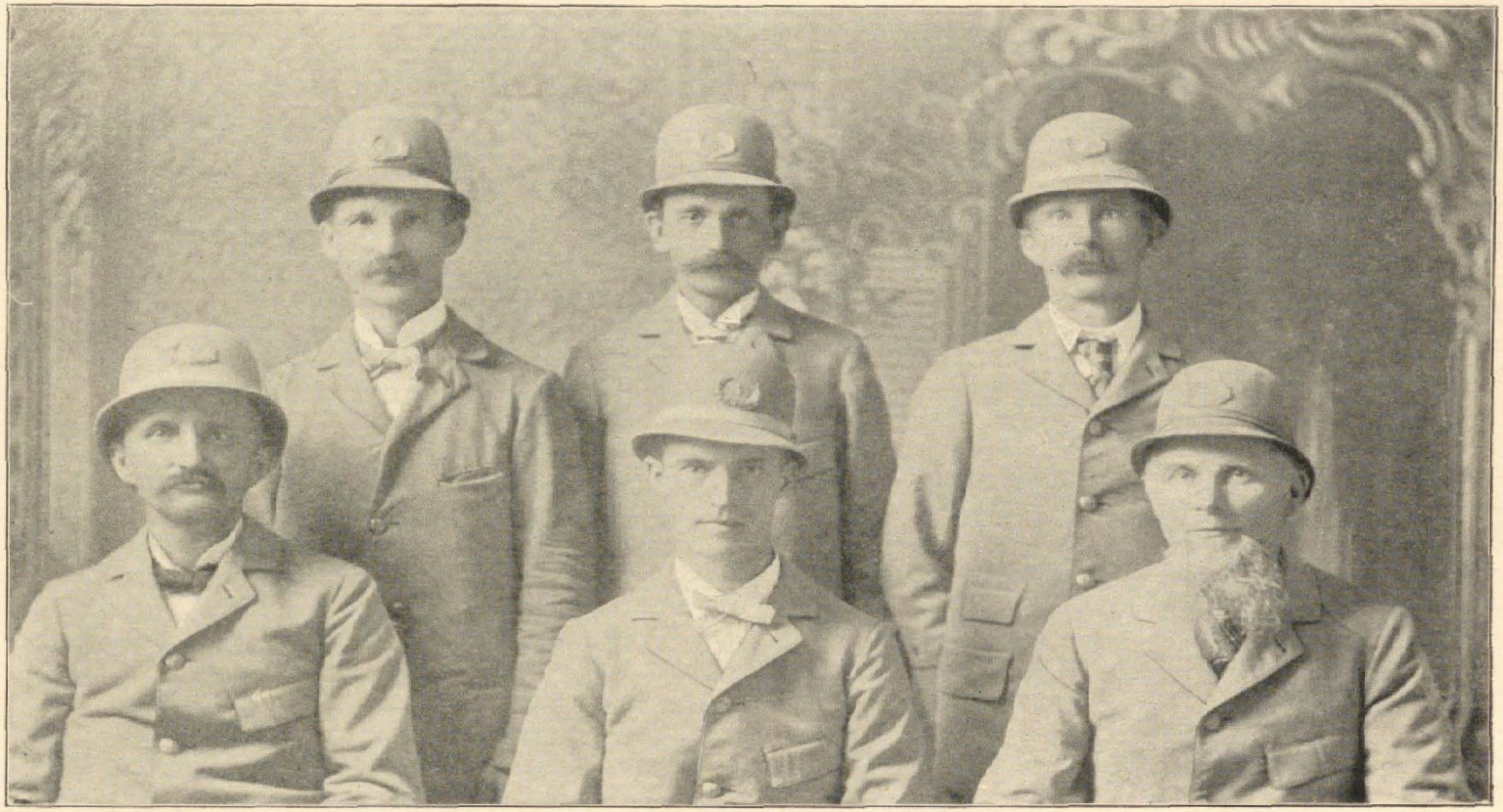
Maurice Levine, the well known and popular dealer in clothing at the corner of Franklin and Fourth sts, was born in Poland, having been born under Russian dominion, November 15, 1859, the son of Isaac and Sarah Levine. Young Levine left Poland when six years old, and removed to Manchester, England, where he lived. Mr. Levine next went to Sidney, Australia, where he stayed six months, and returned to Germany, where he was married to Miss Dora Potelski. Mr. Levine next came to New York City and was in business there two years going to Boston, where he was engaged in the manufacture of clothing for fifteen years. In 1891 Mr. Levine came to Michigan City and opened his present store. The premises occupied are large and the stock the largest and most complete in the city. It includes a line of the best ready to wear clothing, gents furnishing goods, hats and caps, trunks, traveling goods, cigars and tobaccos, and makes a specialty of merchant tailoring. Mr. Levine does a large business and is popular in the trade. He resides with his family at 422 East Seventh street.

C. DUNKER.

The retail merchants here are up-to-date, and one to which we wish to make special mention is C. Dunker, the grocer at 425 Franklin street. Mr. Dunker has been in business here many years and has built up a large trade by honest methods. His store is nicely fitted and he carries a carefully selected stock of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries.

CHARLES BAUMGARTEN.

Among the leading grocery houses of this city is that of Charles Baumgarten, 603 Franklin street. Mr. Baumgarten established his business several years ago and has built up a large and constantly increasing trade, and one that reflects the highest credit upon his ability and integrity. The store is a large one and centrally located. The stock carried includes a full and complete line of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Baumgarten is an able business man and public spirited citizen and enjoys the esteem of all.



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THE CITIZENS BANK.

In the line of conservative and yet progressive banking, reference is called to the Citizens Bank, as an example of thrift and advancement that is typical of our city in the broadest sense of progress, and that truly exemplifies careful methods in legitimate financial endeavor. Here is a model banking house that was organized under the state banking laws in 1888, and that has cast aside old fogy methods and within the short period of a dozen years built up, by legitimate financiering, a surplus that exceeds its capital and makes it the leader here. The Citizens Bank was organized with a paid-up capital of $50,000.00, and its last statement, issued at the close of business April 30, 1900, shows a total of $57,500.00, as surplus and undivided profits, a most gratifying and satisfactory condition, and one which fully demonstrates the strength and stability of the institution, and the ability and fidelity of its management. The last statement follows:

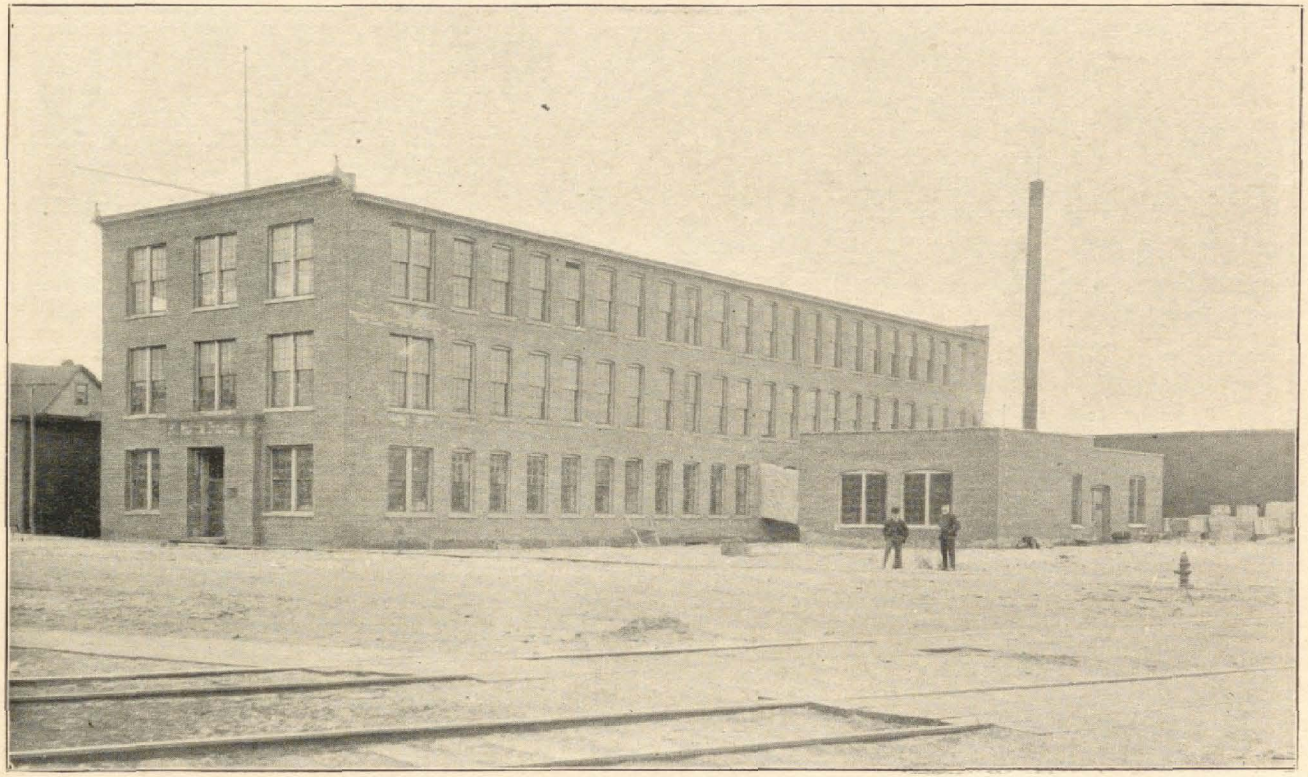
RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$435.054.41
Other stocks and bonds	15,506.33
Stamp account	130.85
Furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Current expense account	1,122.76
Due from bankers	60,130.71
Cash on hand	45,457.15
Total	$558.402.21

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 50,000.00
Surplus and undivided profit	55,000.00
Interest and exchange	2,574,22
Deposits	450,827.99
Total	$558,402.21

The counting room at 311 Franklin street, is commodious and nicely fitted. The bank pursues the usual line of business comprising deposit accounts, loans and discounts on approved paper, both commercial and negotiable, collections on all points through its correspondents, the issuance of domestic and foreign exchange, letters of credit, etc. The officers of the institution are gentlemen widely known in this community as men of financial genius, commanding ability and the highest integrity. Hon. W. B. Hutchinson, President, is a capitalist, former State Senator and ex-Mayor of the city, and is President of the Merchants Mutual Telephone Company. First Vice President, Mr. Philip Zorn, is President of the Zorn Brewing Company and Treasurer of the Merchants' Mutual Telephone Company. Second Vice President, Mr. Michael Romel, is a wealthy capitalist, and Charles E. Arnt, Cashier, is a financier of recognized ability and experience, whose character and qualifications are fully in line with the most exacting demands of the best banking methods.



THE TECUMSEH FACING MILLS.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

The First National Bank of Michigan City was established in 1873 and in 1883 the bank was reorganized with a capital of $250,000.00. The banking house at 301 Franklin street, comprises the lower floor of a three story brick building. The counting room is fitted with every convenience and safety vaults, and here is done a general banking business. The last statement issued April 26, 1900, shows total resources of $858,114.84. Walter Vail, President; N. P. Rogers, Vice President, is Secretary and Treasurer of the Haskell & Barker Car Co., and a trustee of the Public Library Association. William Blinks, Second Vice President, is President of the Merchants' Mutual Telephone Co., and former President of the Michigan City Gas Light Co., and J. F. Kreidler, Cashier.

THE MICHIGAN CITY LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

The Michigan City Loan and Building Association was organized in 1885, and is one of the model saving institutions of the state, its management being especially strong and conservative. The Association provides for its members a safe and profitable investment of small semi-monthly installments, to assist them in acquiring homesteads and to secure to them all the advantages usually expected from Savings Banks and similar institutions, and to loan money on easy terms. The capital stock of the Association is $300,000.00, and is divided into shares of $100.00 each. The last statement is as follows:

ASSETS.

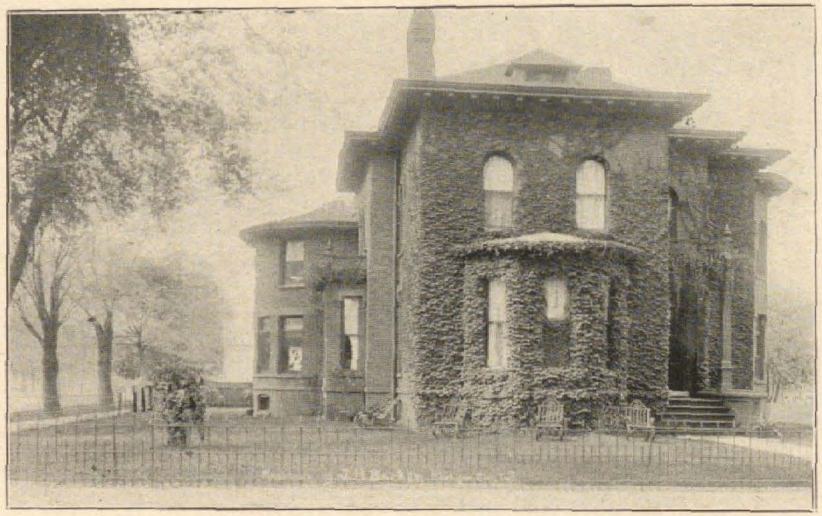
Bal. Loan Acct. July 1, 1899	$80,700.00
Loaned July 1, 1899 to Jan. 1, 1900	15,990.00
Total	96,690.00
Loans paid and matured	$10,200.00
Total loans January 1, 1900	86,490.00
Office furniture	120.60
Cash on hand	2,526.44
Total	$89,137.04

LIABILITIES.

Dues July 1, 1899	$67,489.00
Dues paid July 1, 1899 to Jan. 1, 1900	17,625.80
Total	85,114.80
Dues withdrawn and matured	11,221.00
Total	73,893.80
Stock paid up	2,100.00
Balance stock account	13,143.24
Total	$89,137.04

This association has enjoyed most able management as the above statement shows. The officers are gentlemen widely known here. They are President E. F. Behan, Master Mechanic of the Western Division of the Michigan Central Railway; Walter Lockton, Vice President; secretary I. I. Spiro, who has directed the affairs of the company since 1891, and Treasurer Fred Schaeuffele, who has served as City Treasurer for eighteen years. The Board of Directors include the officers and Albert H. Leist, Postmaster of Michigan City; Henry B. Morris, of the Western Cane Seating Co.; Louis Evert, Grocer; George B. Johnson, with the Hitchcock Chair Co., and William Schroeder, of Schroeder & Pike, manufacturers of chair bottoms.

RESIDENCE OF HON. W. B. HUTCHINSON.



RESIDENCE OF HON. JOHN H. BARKER.

THE HASKELL & BARKER CAR CO.

The Haskell & Barker Car Company is by far the largest industrial enterprise in Michigan City. Its immense plant is located at Eighth and Michigan and Buffalo streets and Willard avenue, and covers an area of about forty acres. The buildings number over thirty, but no attempt at description of the plant can do justice—suffice to say, however, that it is complete in every detail and fully equipped with modern machinery and devices for car building. This plant gives employment to nearly 1,600 persons, which requires the disbursement of an enormous amount of wages, which exerts a powerful influence upon the prosperity of our city. The output of the company consists of freight, platform, box, stock, coal, ore and refrigerator cars, which are used by the great railway companies in all parts of the country. This business was established in 1852, and in 1871 the present company was incorporated under state laws. Taking all together the magnitude of the Haskell & Barker Car Company's plant, the extent of its product, its well-paid employees, the capital invested, and it is well nigh impossible to overestimate its influence upon the growth of our city. As may well be imagined the operation of the business requires the application of the most enlightened methods and administrative and executive abilities of the highest order. The officers of the company are Mr. John H. Barker, President; Mr. Nathaniel P. Rogers, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Barker is one of our best and most philanthropic citizens, who gives liberally and unostentatiously to charities and in public benefactions, and it is to him that our city owes much of its progress. Mr. Rogers is widely known and influential and is a Director and Vice-President of the First National Bank.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.

The indisputable advantage, the great economy of time, labor and money implied in a cheap and effective means of instantaneous and verbal communication with distant points commends itself to every man engaged in the business pursuits of life. The enormous development in the use of the telephone supplies an object lesson of this truism. Although excellent service has been attained, constant improvements are being made and the heighth of perfection has been secured to telephone users in Michigan City by the Merchants' Mutual Telephone Company.

Until this company came into the field local users were compelled to pay a fancy price to the Bell Telephone Trust for a very inefficient and unsatisfactory service. The business men of the city soon saw that a local exchange only could bring about desired results and the present company was organized and incorporated with large capital, and the present efficient exchange opened and the system put in. This was four years ago and the company started with one hundred subscribers. During 1899 one hundred and fifty new subscribers were added, the total of the exchange being 500 covering the entire business and manufacturing field and the leading private residences. The officers of the company are: W. B. Hutchinson, President of the Citizens' Bank, President; William Blinks, Vice President of the First National Bank, Vice President; Philip Zorn, President of the Zorn Brewing Co., Treasurer; and G. S. Van Deusen, proprietor of the Michigan City Reed Chair Co., and ex-Mayor of the city, Secretary.

THE ZORN BREWING CO.

The Zorn Brewing Company of Michigan City—the only brewery here—is an interest of the greatest value to our commerce. Its products is widely known and dispensed by the leading hotels, buffets, clubs and private families of this section. The Zorn Brewery was established in 1877 by Philip Zorn, a typical and experienced German brewer. A number of years ago the present company was organized, the officers being Philip Zorn, President; Charles Zorn, Treasurer, and Robert Zorn, Secretary and Superintendent. The two latter being sons of the founder of the business.

RESIDENCE OF FINLEY C. CARSON.

A. R. COLBORN & CO.

The leading house engaged in the lumber trade here is that of A. R. Colborn & Co. This business was established about thirty years ago by Mr. A. R. Colborn, under the present style. The offices, warehouses, sheds and

yards are located at the corner of Spring and Second streets, where they occupy several acres on the lines of three trunk lines of railroad and on the harbor. The house handles white pine and hemlock, also yellow pine lumber from the South and Pacific coasts, and red cedar shingles, upon conditions favorable to the trade. The firm has retail branches in various parts of Indiana and Michigan and does a very large business aggregating many million feet per year. Mr. Colborn is a business man of rare attainments and has resided here many years and is one of our most public spirited citizens. He is President of the Michigan City Public Library Association, and takes an active part in educational and religious advancement.

SCHROEDER & PIKE.

Among the prosperous enterprises here is that of Schroeder & Pike, manufacturers of rockers and seat frames, whose office and factory is located on the Michigan Central tracks near Kentucky street. This enterprise was established in 1891 and one that has attained a high prestige in the trade. The business was established by William A. Schroeder and John J. Pike, both are gentlemen of practical experience. The plant is commodious and comprises the mill proper with detached boiler and engine house, warehouse and yards. The mill is equiped with all modern machinery and appliance and gives employment to a force of skilled woodworkers. The output includes various designs of unfinished rockers and seat frames and are trade-winners. The members of the firm are gentlemen of enterprise and ability and give their personal attention to every detail of the work.

RESIDENCE OF JARED H. ORR.

J. H. WINTERBOTHAM & SON.

A leading enterprise of Michigan City is that of J. H. Winterbotham & Sons, manufacturers of cooperage, whose plant is located in the southwestern part of the city was established several years ago under a state charter with a capital of $200,000.00. The company maintains not only a large plant here, but also one in Kensington and Joliet, Ill., and has offices at 226 La Salle street, Chicago. The officers of the company are: Joseph Winterbotham, President, of Chicago, Ill.; John G. Mott, Vice President, and William H. Matthews, of Chicago, Secretary. Mr. Mott is a resident of this city, and is President of the Board of Park Commissioners.

RESIDENCE OF NORTON BARKER.

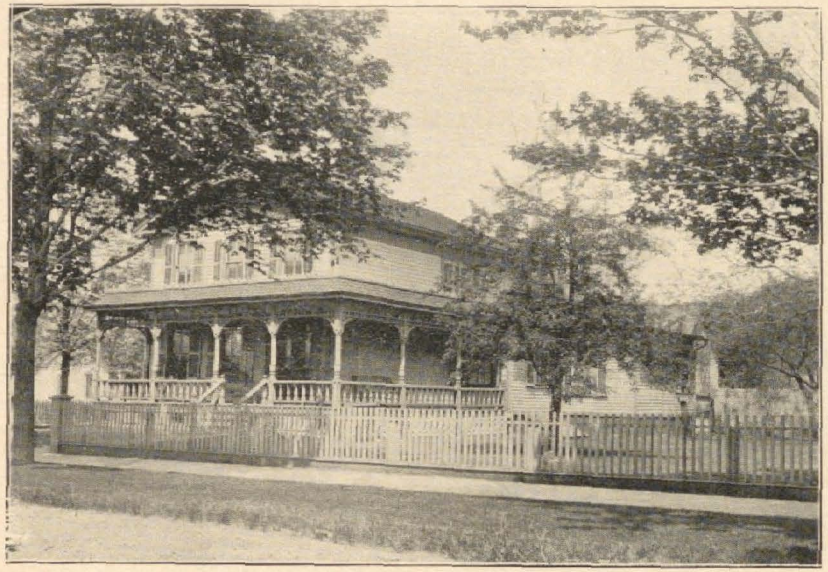
THE LAKESIDE KNITTING CO.

The history of a community is incomplete unless reference is made to each of its manufacturing industries, and in this review attention is called to the Lakeside Knitting Company, as one of the large and most conspicuous enterprises in our city. Here is an enterprise incorporated under a state charter, with large capital, that has attained a prestige and magnitude that qualifies it to be cited as a leader in its special field of production. This company manufactures all kinds of gloves, Scotch woolen mittens and hosiery, linings and leather faced mittens, the average daily production being eight hundred dozens, all of which are handled by jobbers throughout the United States, and which are popular in quality and price with dealers and consumers alike. The plant of the company is located in the south western part of the city and consists of a large factory, splendidly equipped with modern steam power machinery, with an auxiliary factory, the whole employing about 400 skilled workmen in the various departments. As may be imagined the operation of this business requires the application of the most enlightened methods, and the possession on the part of those directly in charge of administrative and executive abilities of the highest order. These qualities are possessed in an eminent degree by the gentlemen who constitute the official staff. They are: H. L. Marshall, President; R. M. Hutchison, Vice President and superintendent; Louis L. Woods, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Marshall resides in Chicago, where the company has an office at 175 Dearborn street. Messrs. Hutchison and Woods are residents of Michigan City.

MICHIGAN CITY REED CHAIR CO.

That manufacturing represents one of the most important factors of our business life is shown in the Michigan City Reed Chair Company whose office and factory are located at 407 Pine street. This business was established in 1885 and is owned by Garrett S. Van Deusen. The company manufactures the finest kind of reed chairs and furniture, parlor furniture, and reed rockers. Mr. G. S. Van Deusen, whose energy and ability has built up the

business is one of the best known men in the city. In 1894 he was elected mayor of Michigan City on the Republican ticket. Mr. Van Deusen is Secretary of the Merchants Mutual Telephone Co., and a director of the Citizens Bank.



RESIDENCE OF C. F. H. CARSTENS.

THE LAKE CITIES ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO.

From the view point of the electric engineer, there is no doubt but the Lake Cities Electric Railway Company at Michigan City gives an excellent service, and one that meets fully every requirement of our city. This enterprise was organized under the style of the Citizens Street Railway Company, and in 1893 passed into the control of the Lake Cities Electric Railway Company. On February 2, 1898, I. I. Spiro was appointed receiver of the present company, and its property, and is now at its head. Under Mr. Spiro's management many changes have been made in the operation and extention of the electric lighting plant, as well as the street railway service, and under him the property has been made to pay. Mr. Spiro from the first recognized the importance of increased power facilities, and the result has been that he has enlarged the plant and greatly improved it. The company supplies 103 arc lights for city and other lighting, and has a capacity of 200. It also supplies 2500 incandesents for residents and commercial lighting. Mr. Spiro has given his best attention to promoting and bettering the system in every way and his success is proven in the increased business of the company under his direction, Mr. Frank H. Root, superintendent, gives able assistance to Mr. Spiro in the practical direction and extention of the business.

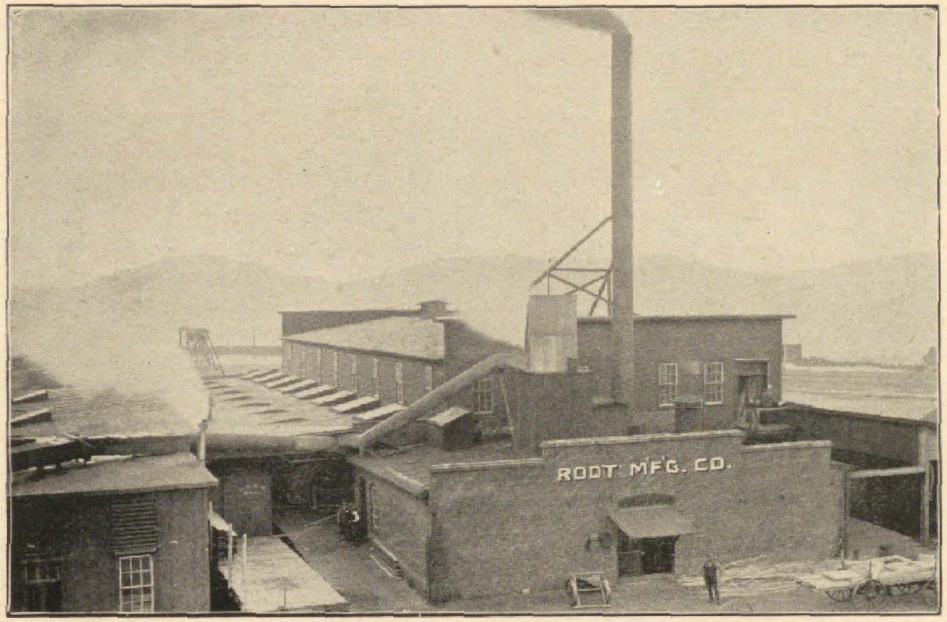
FRED DITTMER.

Among the business interests here is Fred Dittmer, manufacturer of cooperage of all kinds, whose office, shop and yards are located at 409 West Ninth street. Mr. Dittmer is a practical and expert master of the cooper's trade of many years practical experience, and has built up a nice business here.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN S. ORR,

THE ROOT MANUFACTURING CO.

An enterprise that holds a commanding position here is that of the Root Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of sash, doors, blinds, interior work, etc., whose office and factory is located at the corner of Wabash and Michigan streets. This enterprise was established a score of years ago under the style of Rawson, Root & Co., and later passed under corporate title, the present officers being Henry A. Root, President, and Albert Nichals, Secretary and Treasurer. The plant of the company is a complete one and covers several acres, and includes large yards, warehouses, lumber sheds and mills, the latter completely equipped with modern machinery driven by steam power and lighted with electricity supplied by the company's own electric lighting plant, which is a model of completeness and an important feature of the great business conducted. The enterprise is a factor of the strongest in our city's business ascendency, and has attained prestige and magnitude The company gives employment to about 100 persons, and manufacture a fine line of builders' mill work, sash, doors, blinds, shutters, mouldings, window frames, balusters, newel posts and fine interior stair and wood work. The popularity and success of the house rests not entirely upon this fact, but is very largely the result of unexcelled facilities, promptness, reliability and sterling integrity. The gentlemen at the head of the business are men of sagacity and broad guage ideas, as well as enviable high character and standing in the community and citizens of enlarged views and praisworthy public spirit. The company employes only expert designers, woodworkers and finishers and does the highest class of work, which is shipped east, south and west and is in large demand. Mr. Root served his country ably and creditably during the civil strife, and is Commander of Geo. V. Rawson Post No. 46, Grand Army of the Republic, having been re-elected several times. He is also a member of the Board of Administration of this department, and has several times represented the Tenth Congressional District at the National Encampment.



RESIDENCE OF C. E. MEYERS.

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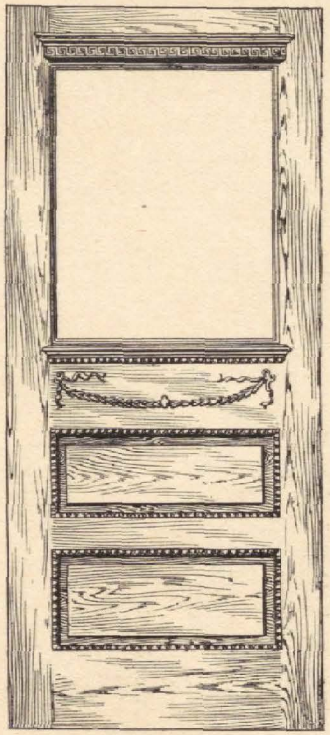
MICHIGAN CITY, IND.



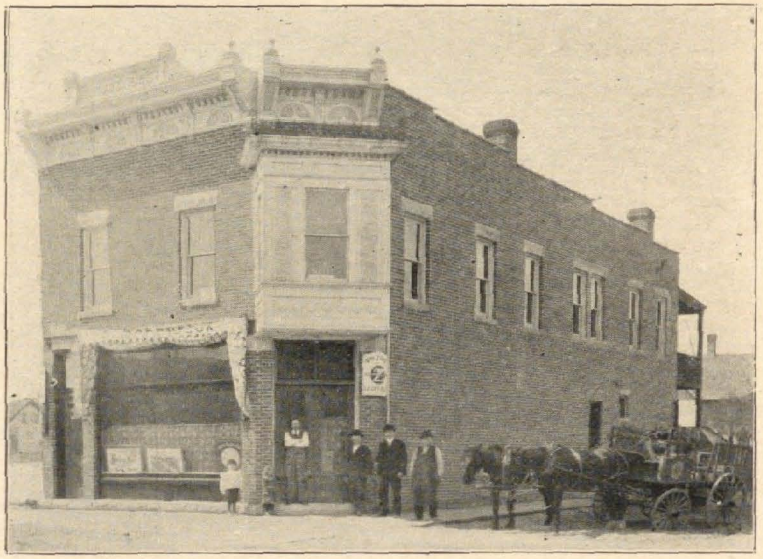
Conspicuous as a factor of the strongest kind in Michigan City's industrial ascendency the specialist in manufacture is a most conspicuous force of progress. Thus marked interest attaches to an enterprise of the specialized kind like that of the Michigan City Sash and Door Company, whose office and factory is located on Second street, between Pine and Spring streets. Here is an enterprise inaugurated sixteen years ago by Mr. J. V. Jones, which was continued under the management of the founder until 1887, when the present company succeeded to the business. This industry has attained a prestige and magnitude that demonstrate the efficiency of energetic methods in developing industrial success. The premises occupied are large and comprise one and two story buildings, with warehouse, lumber yards, sheds and offices, the whole specially equipped for the extensive line of manufacture and business conducted. The plant gives employment to a large force of skilled and expert workmen, and the company ships its finished products to all parts of the country. The line of manufacture includes glazed and unglazed sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, builders mill work and interior finish of all kinds of the very best workmanship, products that are trade-winners and trade-keepers in the best markets, and popular with architects and builders because of their general excellency. The officers of the company are: Mr. J. J. Stephenson, President, and Mr. W. R. Corbin, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Frank M. Jones has directed the business here for the past twelve years. He is widely known in the trade and is a progressive business man of modern ideas.

JOSEPH ZOCH,
Alderman from Third Ward.

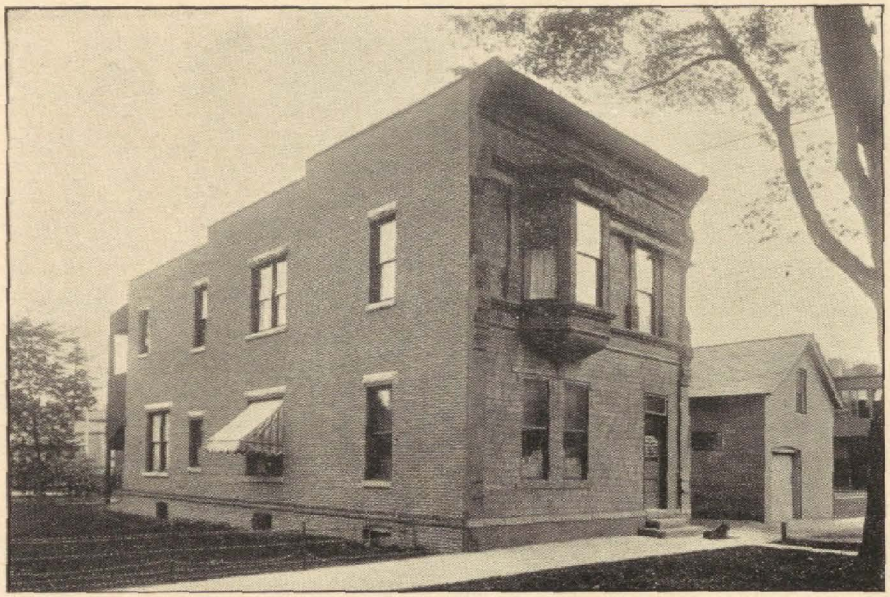
STAIGER HARDWARE COMPANY.

Six years is not a long time as commerce counts time, and yet it has been sufficient to make the Staiger Hardware Company a decided leader in all that can be coupled with advancement and progress in the hardware trade. This business was established in 1894 by the firm of Staiger & Shure, and continued under that regime until

1896, when Mr. George J. Staiger succeeded under the present style. Gradually the business grew and the firm erected its present elegantly appointed store, which is the finest in the city. The first floor is entirely devoted to a general line of high class hardware. The second floor is devoted entirely to the stove, range and harness department, and here is displayed a complete and fine line of all kinds of stoves, heaters ranges, gas heaters etc., of the leading and best makes, also a fine line of harness, double and single for all uses, also robes, blankets and horse goods. The basement is devoted entirely to storage and to the plumbing department. The firm does all kinds of gas fitting, steam fitting plumbing, cornice and galvanized iron work, and has completed many of the leading fine residences of the city in this line.



BUILDING OF CHRIST RODENBECK.



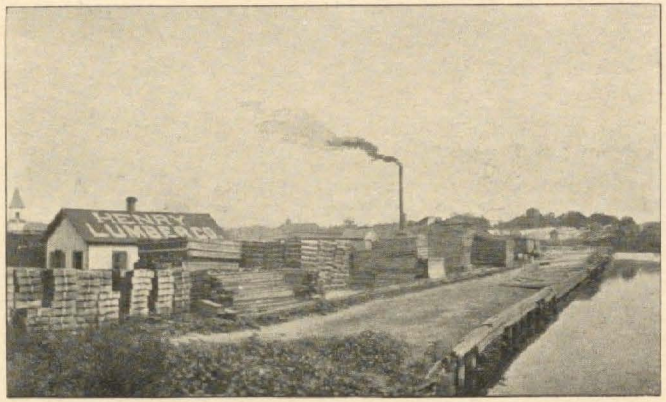
THE TILLOTSON & BLINKS HOSPITAL.

In the Tillotson & Blinks Hospital, 117 West Sixth street, Michigan City has an institution that cannot be rivaled in equipment in the state. In 1897 Dr. A. G. Tillotson and Dr. Edward G. Blinks, started the present hospital with a small capacity. Gradually it has grown until it has become a model in its every detail. The hospital building was constructed specially. Perfect sanitation, high ceilings, cheerful surroundings, the latest improvements in heating and lighting, and prompt service in every department makes it as near perfect as science is capable of. It is conveniently arranged with parlors, reception rooms, private consultation rooms, examining rooms, operating rooms, public and private rooms, mens' and woman's wards and rooms, operating rooms, kitchens, nurses rooms, etc. The hospital is also equiped with an emergency ward, where those suddenly stricken may find the best medical and surgical aid. The operating rooms are marvels of completeness, thoroughly anticeptic and supplied with every convenience and appliance. The electrical department for the treatment of diseases by galvanic, faradic and statical electricity, has the latest scientific appliances, with an X ray generator and Crooke's tube. The most delicate instruments for the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, throat and nose are at hand. A private lying-in room is one feature of the hospital. Medical ethics are strictly observed and physicians who send patients to the hospital for medical or surgical treatment are assured that their suggestions will be carried out as far as practicable and patients returned to their care as soon as removal is advisable. The professional excellence of the institution is well known andthe hospital enjoys the confidence of theentire community.

THE HENRY LUMBER CO.

Directly in sequence with the development of the lumber trade here, is the growth of The Henry Lumber Company, whose office, yards, sheds and mills are located on the East side of the harbor near Sixth street. This business was established many years ago, the present officers of the company being: A. J. Henry, President; J. Gow

Vice-President and R. A. Rogers, Secretary and Treasurer. The plant of the company is located on the canal and railroads, affording excellent facilities for receiving and shipping by cargo and rail, and covers several acres.



This includes office, mills and sheds, and the stock of pine and hemlock lumber carried is very large. The company receives direct from the mills of Michigan and Wisconsin, and deals in not only the best grades of pine and hemlock lumber, but as well in lath and shingles. The house does a wholesale business shipping to large consumers in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, and handling from fifteen to twenty millions feet per year. The gentlemen at the head of this enterprise are men of high position in commercial affairs, whose energy and enterprise have fostered the city's growth and the advance of their own interests as well, and they are all highly esteemed.

AUGUST C. HEITSCHMIDT.

Among the business men and interests to which we wish to specially refer is that of August C. Heitschmidt, dealer in coal, wood, lime, cement, hair, hay, straw and feed, and all kinds of grass seeds, whose office and warehouses are situated at 314-16 Michigan street. This business was established by the present proprietor about fifteen years ago and has grown to large proportions under

his able direction. The premises occupied comprise several buildings specially designed for this trade. Mr. Heitschmidt deals in all kinds of hard and soft coal, flour, feed, baled hay, straw, grain, lime, hair, cement and grass seeds. Mr. Heitschmidt is a careful business man and a popular and public spirited citizen. He was elected councilman from the Second ward, where he is serving with distinction. He is chairman of the committee on finance and a member of the committee on cemeteries and public grounds, police, lights and salaries. He conducts city business in the same careful and economic manner that characterizes his private business.

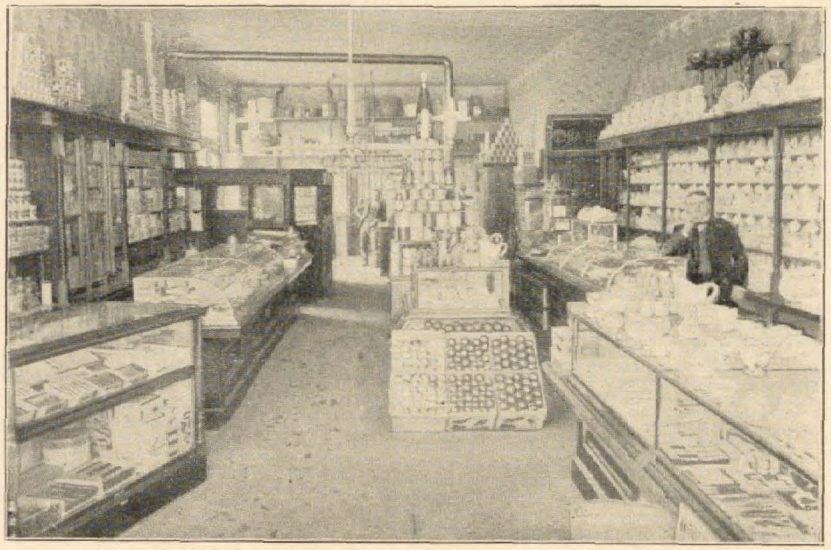
LOUIS EVERT.

One of our leading and popular retail grocery houses is that conducted by Louis Evert, at 1010 Franklin street. Mr. Evert has been in the grocery trade in this city 14 years and thoroughly knows every detail of the business. His store is large and nicely fitted for this special line of

trade, and the stock carried is a carefully selected one and specially suited to his trade. Mr. Evert has a fine trade with leading families and carries only fresh goods. He is a careful and prudent business man, yet up-to-date in his methods of business and has won success by fully deserving it.

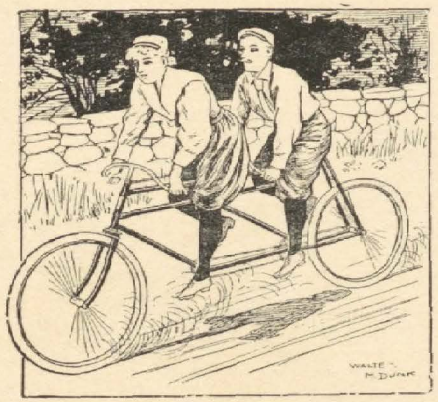
WILLIAM A. ZAHRNDT.

A leading grocery house here is that of William A. Zahrndt, Nos. 302-304 West Eighth street. This business was started by Mr. Zahrndt several years ago and he has built up a large trade and one that gives him



credit for enterprise and ability. He occupies a large double store, illustrated herewith, and carries a full stock of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Zahrndt also carries a fine line of queensware, etc. He is a business man of high standing.

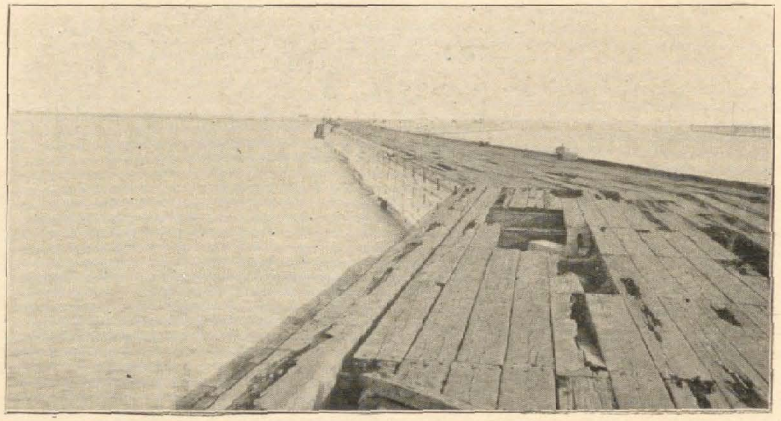
ROMAN EICHSTAEDT.



Mr. Roman Eichstaedt is a native of Germany. He was born February 22, 1857, and attended the Catholic schools in his native land. When he reached his majority he came to New Orleans, where he remained two years, working at his trade as a pattern maker and machinist. He spent six months at St. Louis and came to Chicago where he remained one year, when he came to Michigan City and accepted a position in the Michigan Central Railway Co's. machine shops. Here he remained one year when he started in business for himself as a machinist and pattern and model maker, in which line he has since been successfully engaged. His office and store is at 121 West Market street, where he has a large and finely equipped machine and pattern shop in the rear. Here he makes the widely known "Roman" bicycle. He also deals in the leading makes of bicycles, handles the famous Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines, deals in guns, ammunition and all kinds of bicycle and sewing machine supplies. Mr. Eichstaedt has created several inventions that are of widest value. Among them being a patent drawer pull. He also invented a new idea in ball bearing axles for wagons, trucks and carriages, which he disposed of. He has but recently invented a new ball bearing axle that is a wide improvement over the first, and which he offers for sale to manufacturers.

OTTO E. KAEDING.

A leading market here is that of Otto E. Kaeding, 302 Franklin street, corner of Michigan street. This business was established many years ago by the present proprietor, who has built up a large trade. Mr. Kaeding carries a large stock of all kinds of fresh, salt and smoked meats, fresh water and sea fish, oysters, fine cured hams and bacon, home-made sausage, etc.



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RESIDENCE OF F. H. STORM.

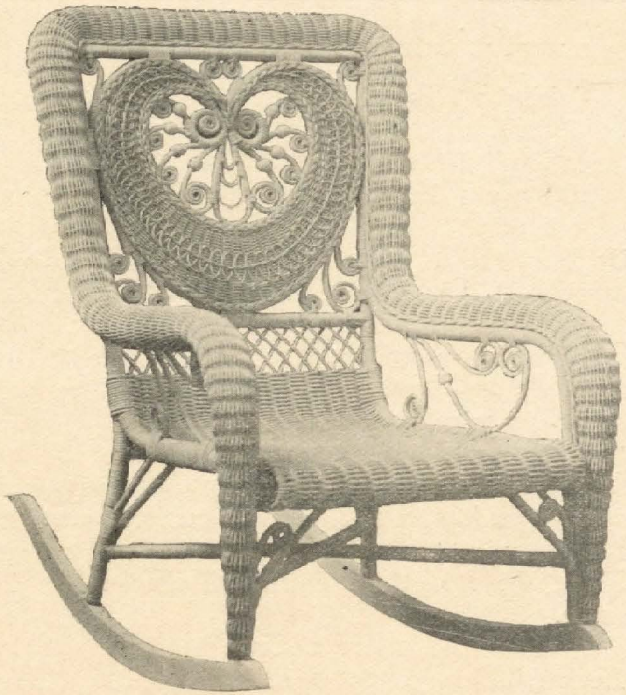
FRANK H. STORM.

Frank H. Storm the well known piano and organ dealer has been in the piano business ten years, starting when 19 years of age with Thearle & Co. of Englewood, Ill., and was afterward connected with the firm of Lyon, Potter & Co., Steinway Hall, Chicago. At the present time Mr. Storm controls the territory of LaPorte county and Valparaiso and vicinity for the celebrated many tone "Crown" piano, manufactured by Geo. P. Bent, Chicago. The Crown piano stands today, in the estimation of the best musicians the world over, as the best upright piano made. It has twenty improvements and patents found in no other piano, and its many tone adjustment enables the performer to obtain results unobtainable with any other piano. Mr. Storm also has the exclusive agency

for the Angelus Orchestral, the only automatic piano with reed tones. By its use anyone may command the best music of which the piano or organ is capable without any knowledge of music whatever. Mr. Storm resides at 1311 Washington street.

VEAL BROS.

One of the leading manufacturing enterprises in Michigan City is that of Veal Bros., manufacturers of reed

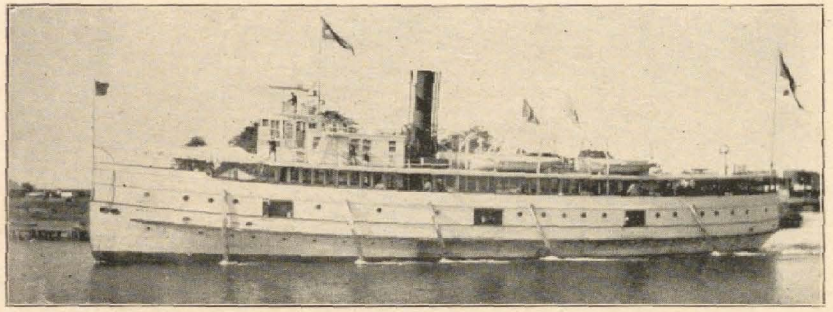


chairs, whose office and factory are located at Spring and Wood streets. This business was established in 1887 by Messrs. John K., Luther C. and Benjamin F. Veal, and has grown to one of deserved magnitude. The factory is arranged specially for the business and gives employment to about 50 skilled and expert reed workers. The products of the firm embraces a line of handsomely made reed rockers, lounging, library, parlor and ladies' fancy chairs in hundreds of beautiful and elaborate designs. The firm deals exclusively with the jobbing trade and ships to all parts of the United States.

GIELOW BROS.

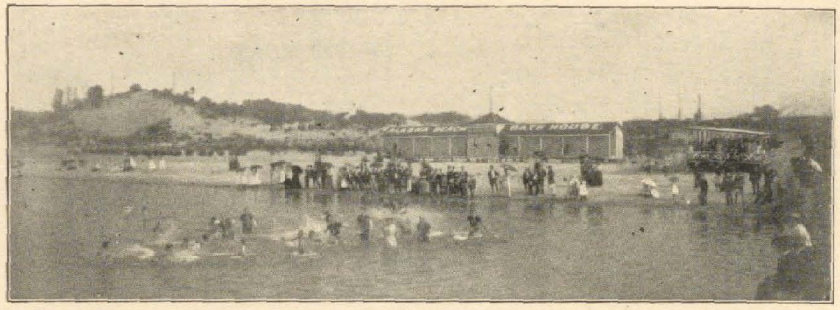
The constant growth of Michigan City is due in the

largest measure to the enterprise of its business men in all branches of trade. In the grocery and market trade a house that deserves special credit is that of Gielow Bros., corner of Sixth and Michigan streets. This business was established several years ago by Messrs. William and Henry Gielow, under the present style. The premises occupied are a large double store, specially built and equipped for the trade. The stock carried is large and fresh and includes a full line of all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, potted and canned goods, delicacies and relishes and grocers sundries, dairy products, provisions, smoked meats, fowls, fish, game in season, oysters etc. The firm does a very large business catering to the leading families of the city, and the twenty years of success enjoyed by it has been honestly won and is deserved. Both gentlemen are widely known and highly esteemed.



CHICAGO AND MICHIGAN CITY LINE.

Michigan City is especially fortunate in having a cheap and popular means of transportation to Chicago, and this by the double daily excursions run by the Chicago and Michigan City Line, on the new steel steamer America. This line offers a most attractive double daily ride, all by daylight, reaching home in time for supper after a full day's business in Chicago. The steamer "America" is a thoroughly modern excursion steamer, built entirely of steel, with seven water-tight bulkheads. Three passenger decks. Bilge keels and concave sides minimize the motion, and in ordinary weather no one will be inconvenienced by the sea. Her speed of 20 miles per hour is scarcely equalled by any boat on the lakes. She has tripple expansion engines of the latest type, and the most perfect arrangements for the comfort and safety of passengers that experience can suggest or money can buy. The company makes special rates to parties, clubs and societies, and makes connections in this city for rail points in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Its schedule is an attractive one.



BATHING SCENE AT ALASKA BEACH.

EAST BOUND.

Leave Chicago 9:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m.
Arr. Mich. City 12:30 p. m., 10:00 p. m.

WEST BOUND.

Lv. Michigan City 6:05 a. m., 3 p. m.
Arrive at Chicago 8:45 a. m., 6 p. m.

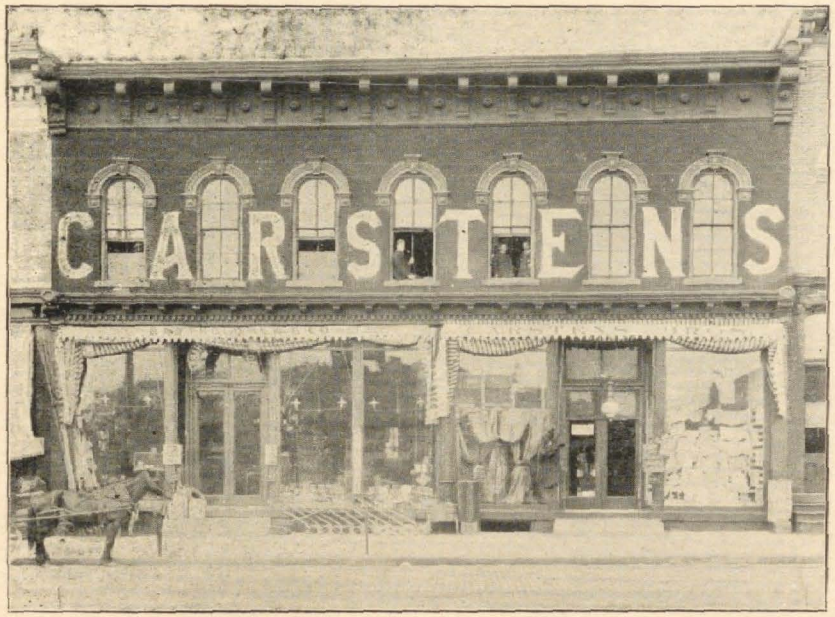
SATURDAY'S SPECIAL.

Leave Chicago 4:15 p. m.
Leave Michigan City 12:45 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

The regular fare is 75c one way, or $1.00 for the round trip. On Sunday the boat calls at South Chicago. The officers of the company are E. C. Dunbar, general manager; S. R. Eaton, city passenger agent, Chicago.

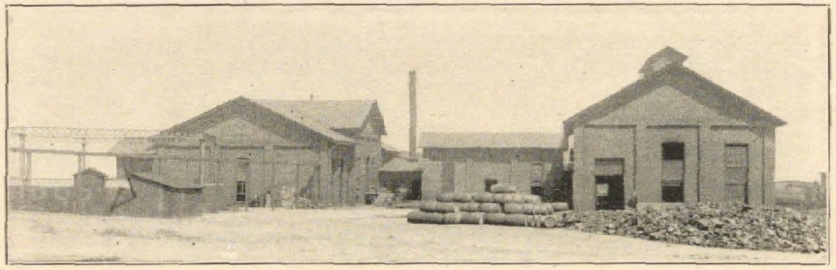
AT CARSTENS.

The name "Carstens" in Michigan City is synonymous with that of Marshall Fields great dry goods store, in Chicago—and means reliable goods. The store is large occupying two floors. Mr. C. F. H. Carstens came to Michigan City in 1877 from Grand Rapids, Mich., and established this house. A few years afterwards his two brothers followed and later were admitted into partnership. The aim of an establishment like Carstens Bros. has always been to sell the best goods at popular prices with small margin of profits. They have built up a large trade and employ a good many sales people, quite a few having been with the firm for many years. An employee securing a situation with this house hardly ever wishes to resign and many expressions have been heard of the efficiency and courtesy of Carstens' employees.

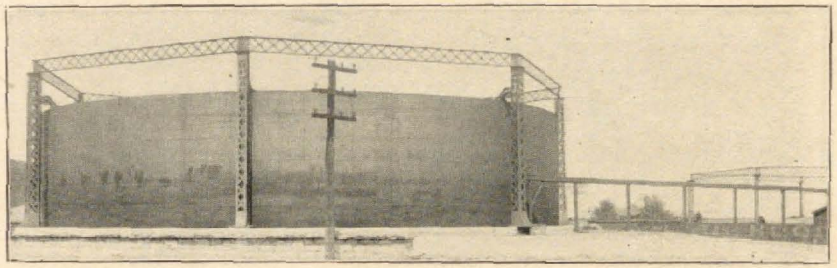


THE MICHIGAN CITY GAS LIGHT CO.

The Michigan City Gas Light Company, whose office is located at 506 Franklin street and whose extensive works are located at Fourth street and the Michigan Central tracks is one of our leading enterprises. It was chartered in 1881, under the corporate title of the Michigan City Gas Company. In Nov. 1897 the company was reorganized under the existing title, the present officers being Ammi Whitney, President; Seth L. Larrabee, Secretary; Walter G. Davis, Treasurer, and George F. Duncan, General Manager. The local direction and management of the company is vested in Walter M. Blinks, Superintendent, whose ability has been fully demonstrated. The plant is large and includes gas houses, coal sheds, and holders, with a complete and expensive mechanical equipment of the modern pattern. By its popularity and liberal methods it has brought gas into large use here as a fuel, and the increase in its use for domestic purposes is nearly 100 per cent in the past pear. The company also handles the best



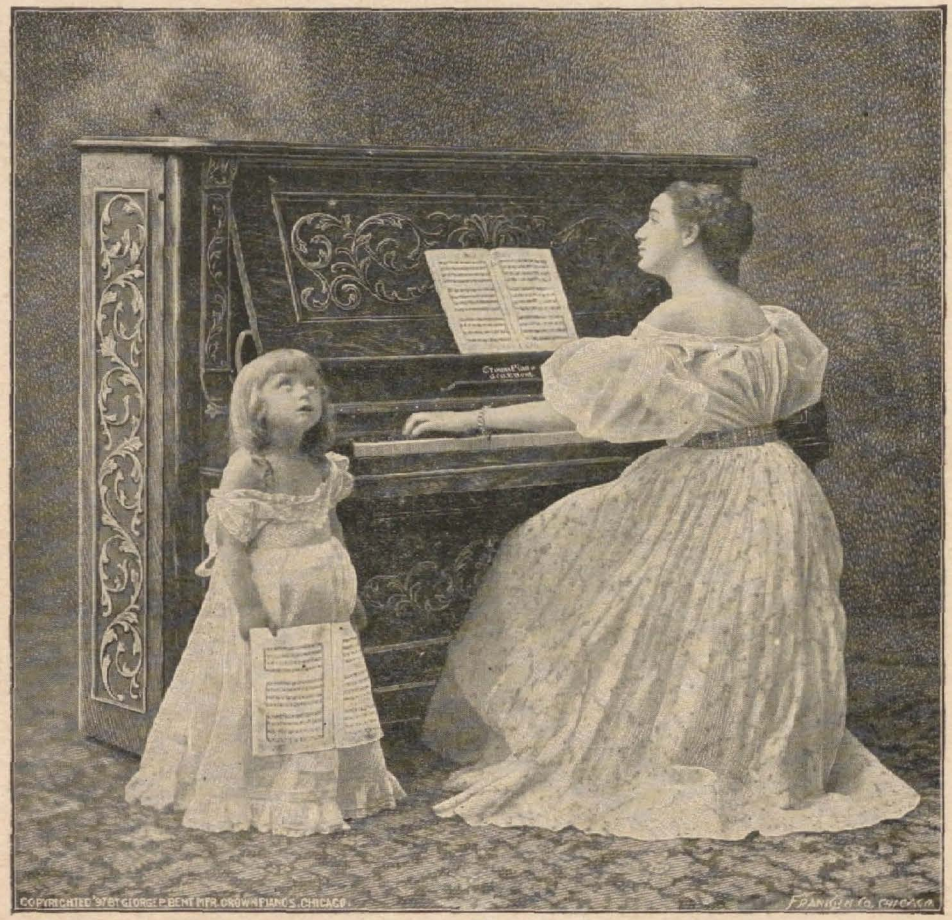
makes of gas ranges and equipments. Superintendent Blinks is a native of this city and a young man of modern business training, whose administrative capabilities are shown in his able direction of so large a business. He is



prominent both in social life and business and deserves the well earned success that has come to him. In the operative department Mr. Blinks is ably assisted by Mr. Clarence Monahan, assistant superintendent, whose experience specially fits him for his exacting duties.

JOSEPH ZOCH,
Alderman from Third Ward.

What the Musical Age, New York, says: "With Geo. P. Bent, of Chicago, of 'Crown' name and fame, there is no following of old lines or antedated methods. He is original in action, enterprising and broad in purpose and successful in achievement. The Crown Pianos are now being sold throughout the civilized world on their merits."



FRANK H. STORM, sells the Crown Piano.

Mr. Albert Cook, Professor of Music in Michigan City public schools, says: "I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the wonderful 'Crown' piano, which I have used in concert work at various times. For pure, clear, liquid, sympathetic tone and quality it is unsurpassed in; fact, I consider it the best upright piano now made."